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## Inquiry Regarding Water Sustainability and Long-Term Planning for the Proposed EValution Energy Facility

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Dear Mr. Briskorn,

Your contact information was provided to us by an ADEQ employee as a possible point of contact regarding water and environmental questions associated with the proposed EValution Energy cobalt processing facility near Tacna/Wellton in Yuma County.

We are a small group of Yuma County residents researching the project. We support responsible domestic battery-material production, but we are also concerned about long-term groundwater sustainability and cumulative industrial growth in the Southwest, including data centers, semiconductor facilities, battery plants, and mineral-processing projects.

We would appreciate guidance regarding any publicly available information, studies, permits, or analysis related to:

- the aquifer and groundwater source planned for this facility,
- reclaimed wastewater or other non-potable water alternatives,
- higher-level recycling, dry cooling, or hybrid cooling systems,
- groundwater monitoring and long-term accountability measures,
- whether any independent third-party hydrogeological, environmental, or technological review has been completed or commissioned related to the project,
- emergency spill-response and containment planning,
- long-term remediation, closure, and financial accountability measures,
- how surrounding agricultural land and irrigation systems are being incorporated into long-term environmental risk planning.
- and long-term cumulative groundwater impacts associated with increasing industrial development in the region.

We would also appreciate guidance regarding how to obtain any publicly available records related to this project, including permit packets, site plans, maps, parcel information, engineering summaries, legal descriptions, coordinates, zoning documentation, environmental analyses, groundwater studies, and related technical or planning documents.

We are also interested in understanding whether alternative industrial locations with lower agricultural-interface risk were evaluated, given the facility's proximity to major agricultural areas in Yuma County, one of the nation's most important winter vegetable-producing regions.

Our intention is not opposition to responsible industry, but rather a better understanding of long-term water sustainability and environmental planning in an arid agricultural region.

Thank you for your time and assistance. We would appreciate any guidance regarding the appropriate departments, public records, or technical resources relevant to these questions.

Respectfully,

Maria Coffee

Please see attached signature page of concerned Yuma County residents and supporting community members.



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