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Publicly Available Information Regarding the Proposed EVelocity Energy Cobalt Sulfate Facility Near Wellton, Arizona

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Dear Director Buschatzke, ,

I am writing on behalf of a group of Yuma County residents and am the creator of YumaIndustrialBenefit.org, an independent website documenting the publicly available information regarding the proposed EVelocity Energy cobalt sulfate facility near Wellton, Arizona.

Our research has identified significant questions regarding groundwater withdrawals, environmental permitting, and the timing of public review. I believe these issues deserve your attention before the project moves further through the regulatory process.

A letter summarizing our findings and a copy of the **Yuma County Special Use Permit** referenced in the letter are attached for your review.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Maria CoffeeCreator, YumaIndustrialBenefit.org

2 attachments

**Letter to Director Tom Buschatzke_8-12-2026.pdf**

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**Special Use Permit_2022-file0001_(1)_Tue_Jul_7_2026_08-37-45.pdf**

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Tom Buschatzke

Director

Arizona Department of Water Resources

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Dear Director Buschatzke,

I am writing on behalf of a group of Yuma County residents who have been following the proposed **Evelution Energy cobalt sulfate production facility** near Wellton, Arizona.

To support our research, I created YumaIndustrialBenefit.org, an independent informational website that provides a factual, accessible record of public documents, agency responses, and the project's regulatory review process.

Over the past several months, we have researched the project through public records and correspondence with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), Yuma County, and the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District (WMIDD).

Based on the information obtained through these public agencies, we have documented the following:

- The Yuma County Special Use Permit report estimates an initial water demand of **approximately 140,000 m³ per month (37 million gallons per month) and 840 gallons per minute (gpm)**, while also stating that **a final water balance had not yet been established**.
- Exploratory groundwater wells have already been drilled and tested.
- ADEQ has confirmed that **no Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) application or Determination of Applicability (DOA)** has been submitted to date.
- ADEQ has also explained that the applicable permitting pathway **cannot be determined until the project's technical design is submitted**.

- WMIDD has released **158 pages of public records relating to its participation in the exploratory groundwater investigation**. Our review of these records is ongoing.

These findings raise important questions regarding **Arizona's groundwater management**, environmental permitting, and public transparency.

While we understand that permitting decisions follow established legal processes, we believe the **public should have a clear understanding** of how projects of this scale are evaluated and how groundwater withdrawals, environmental review, and regulatory oversight will be addressed before construction proceeds.

A public meeting regarding the project is scheduled for **November 5, 2026**. We respectfully bring this project to your attention and hope the regulatory review process continues in a transparent manner, **so that both public officials and community members have the information needed to understand its potential long-term implications**.

For your convenience, I have attached the **Yuma County Special Use Permit referenced in this letter**. Additional public records, agency responses, and supporting documents are available on: [Yuma EValution Cobalt Project I Timeline & Official Documents](#)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Maria Coffee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Coffee", with a stylized flourish at the end.

On behalf of a group of Yuma County residents

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