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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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RE: Notification of Project- Morelos Dam Gap Closure in Yuma, Arizona

To Whom it May Concern:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is writing to notify you of a project to close four gaps in the secondary border barrier near Morelos Dam in Yuma County, Arizona, within U.S. Border Patrol's (USBP) Yuma Sector.

The project involves the closure of four gaps within the existing secondary barrier along the Colorado River to improve the USBP's operational efficiency. The approximate width of the four gaps is as follows: 300 feet wide (Gap 1), 1,350 feet wide (Gap 2), and 50 feet wide (Gaps 3 and 4). The gaps will be filled using a combination of barrier and mechanized bollard vehicle gates that allow for access to the riverside of the barrier. The project area is located on federal land that was previously disturbed by other construction activities. A map of the area is included in an attachment to this letter.

The purpose of the project is to close gaps within the barrier system to:
- Provide improved security and reduce injury and death during crossing,
- Route migrant traffic to safer locations where migrants can be quickly transported for medical attention, and
- Protect existing U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission and Bureau of Reclamation infrastructure in this location.

Construction will begin in early 2023. Comments or questions can be emailed to CBP at YumaComments@cbp.dhs.gov. Please include "Morelos Dam Gap Closure" in the subject of your email. Comments and questions received in response to this letter, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become a part of the public record and may be used to inform project execution.

We appreciate your interest in this project and look forward to continued coordination.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Morelos Dam Gap Closure Map

Morelos Dam Gap Closure Map

Gap 1 (~300 ft)

Gap 2 (~1,350 ft)

Morelos Dam

Gap 3 (~59 ft)

Gap 4 (~101 ft)

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