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Mr. Jack Safely
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Dear Mr. Safely,

I object to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Cadiz Project on the following grounds:

1) It does not fully examine the problems that could arise from draining the desert ecosystem of its vital water supply.

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2) It does not have complete information on the water quality of both the groundwater and the Colorado River water that would be imported to this aquifer. Because of the recent discovery of exceptional high levels of chromium 6 in the groundwater, and the likelihood that one or both of these water sources contain arsenic, radon, MTBE, and rocket fuels, I feel that a fuller study needs to be made. If the water is contaminated, it will be very expensive to treat and the cost would be a burden on the taxpayers and water customers in Southern California.

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The monitoring and mitigation plan is not well defined and offers questionable management for environmental impacts. If the monitoring and decisions are done by Cadiz, Inc., and its customer, the Metropolitan Water District, this puts profit-focused decision-makers in charge of the protection of public resources and does not protect the public interest.

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The environmental analysis for this project is still incomplete. There is a plan for monitoring, but not a plan for management of environmental problems. There is also no information on how water quality problems will be dealt with.

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The project could endanger the habitat of rare plants and animals, including the desert bighorn sheep and desert tortoise, both of which are threatened.

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The document needs to examine alternatives, that are less environmentally destructive, and all of these issues need to be publicly disclosed in another EIS.

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Sincerely,

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P105 - Identical letter sent by Ronald F. Brusha, 1400 Cleveland Road,
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