

## **Public Notice – 401 Certification/Dredge or Fill WDR Application**

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**Project Name:**

Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP) L2000/L2001W Section E Project, Located East of Coachella to Cactus City, Riverside County, California 92203/92254.

WDID No.7A333221001, RM 439966, Place ID 868614

**Receiving Water:**

Unnamed Dry Lakebeds, Salton Sea

**Location:**

City or area: East of Coachella to Cactus City, Riverside County, California

Latitude: Start: 33.667784 End: 33.702021

Longitude; Start: -115.911730 End: -116.057650

Section/Township/Range: Sec 28, 29, 33, 34, 35 T5S, R9E; Sec 01, 02 T6S, R9E; Sec 03, 04, 05, 06 T6S, R10E

**Project Description:**

The project includes the hydrostatic testing of approximately 8.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipe along two parallel pipelines, L2000E and L2001W-E, the replacement of 152 linear feet of each line under the I-10 freeway, the replacement of two anomalies and one wrinkle bend. The project will consist of six total hydrostatic tests (three tests on each line) and is located within unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside, California. The areas of proposed ground disturbance include use of three unpaved laydown areas, four test breaks, a 152 linear foot pipeline replacement, two anomaly replacements and a wrinkle bend replacement, totaling approximately 632,713 square feet or 14.55 acres. Site access will primarily be along the existing dirt access roads running parallel to Line 2000E. Paved and unpaved public roads will be utilized to access unpaved access roads, which will provide ingress and egress to and from

project sites. Unpaved access roads will be improved as necessary to provide construction vehicle and equipment access to work areas. Excavated soil will be stockpiled within the designated workspace to be utilized for backfill on unpaved areas. The hydrostatic test will take place along the entire length of the pipeline segment with test heads and pumps located at either the east or west test end of the segment, with onsite temporary water storage and filtration. Hydrostatic test water (approximately 1.23 million gallons) is anticipated to be provided via an as of yet unidentified municipal hydrant and transported via truck to the lake tank and frac tanks at TB-01. Before and after testing, the water will be stored in a temporary aboveground lake tank and frac tanks. Following completion of hydrostatic tests, water will be treated as needed and discharged in accordance with Statewide General Order for Discharges from Natural Gas Utility Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Activities (WQ Order 2017-0029-DWQ, NPDES No. CAG670001), for discharge to land or surface water or hauled away for disposal. Additional temporary aboveground storage tanks may be staged within the designated workspace to provide dust control. Primary activities associated with each anomaly site include preparation for excavation, excavation to expose existing pipe, and the cut and removal of the anomaly and/or wrinkle bend. Following hydrostatic testing the excavated area will be backfilled with native material. The approximately 152 linear feet of pipeline will be replaced underneath I-10 by drilling a bore crossing with bore pits established north of I-10 and in the median of I-10. Tie-in spots will be used to connect bore pipe to existing pipe. Three laydown yards will be used for the project, which consist of the Lake Tank and Workspace, located at the eastern end of the project area, and the Laydown Yards 1 and 2, both of which are located between TB-01 and TB-02 south of I-10. Repairs to the existing unpaved access road will be made by cutting into the existing eastern berm created from previous road grading to obtain fill materials and filling voids with native material. No fill will be imported. The project's workspaces and access road improvement areas will modify approximately 1,845 linear feet of 49 total ephemeral drainages.

**Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:**

March 1, 2021 – November 26, 2021

**US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number(s):**

Not applicable.

**Action:**

Pending

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