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Sent via U.S. mail and email

SUBJECT: Del Rio Sector Proposed Remediation Actions Associated with the Construction of Border Barrier

Dear Chairman Barcena:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is seeking your input on proposed remediation actions associated with the construction of border barrier in Maverick and Val Verde Counties, Texas, within the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) Del Rio Sector.

As directed by the Secretary of Defense, all border barrier construction projects have been canceled. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has been assessing the status and condition of border barrier project sites and working closely with the Department of the Interior to determine the scope and extent of remediation. More information concerning the proposed remediation work in the Del Rio Sector is included in the enclosed Del Rio Sector Remediation Plan. Current conditions of the border barrier project sites can be viewed on the StoryMap at: www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-management.

DHS intends to prioritize funding on those remediation projects that are needed to address life and safety, including the protection of the public, USBP agents, and nearby communities from potential harms, and avert further environmental damage or degradation.

CBP would like your feedback on the Del Rio Sector Remediation Plan. Specifically, CBP is seeking input and information to the following questions:

- Are there any other immediate actions that are needed to address life and safety issues, including the protection of the public, USBP agents, and nearby communities from potential harms, and avert further environmental damage or degradation as a result of border barrier construction since 2019?
- What are the highest priority actions?

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- Are there best practices the remediation contractor should follow when implementing these activities?

CBP is accepting comments until September 1, 2022. Comments can be submitted on the StoryMap at www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-management or emailed to CBP at DelRioComments@cbp.dhs.gov. Please include "Del Rio Remediation Plan Comments" in the subject of your email. Comments received in by CBP, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become a part of the public record.

You may also provide comments, questions, or concerns by calling 1-800-308-2962 or by mail:

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We appreciate your feedback and help with prioritizing potential remediation activities.

Respectfully,



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Enclosure: Del Rio Sector Border Barrier Remediation Plan