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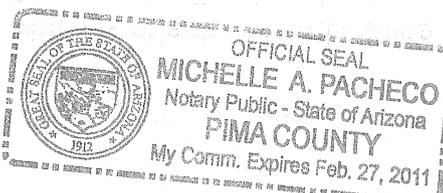


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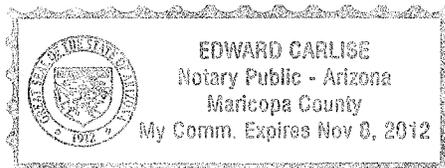
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**U.S. Customs and
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Pima County Board of Supervisors
Pima County
130 West Congress Street
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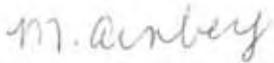
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Chairman Ivan Smith
Tonto Apache Tribe
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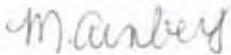
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Ms. Lisa Eckert
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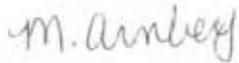
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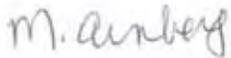
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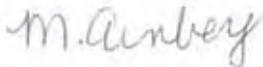
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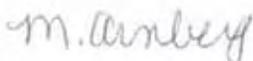
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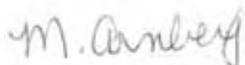
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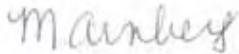
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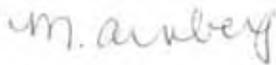
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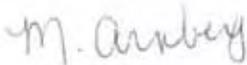
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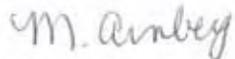
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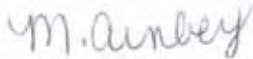
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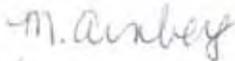
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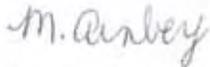
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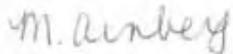
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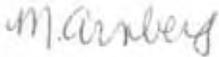
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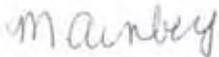
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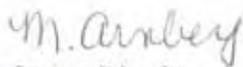
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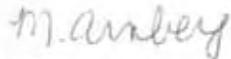
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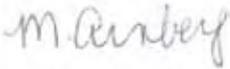
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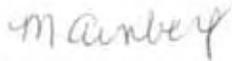
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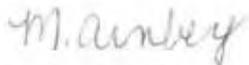
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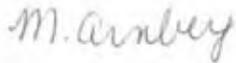
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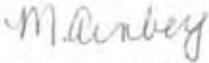
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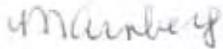
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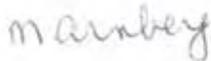
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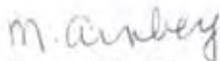
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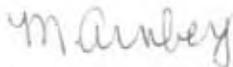
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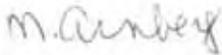
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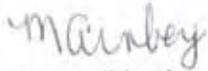
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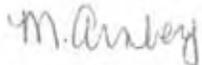
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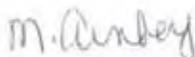
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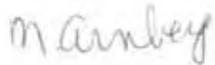
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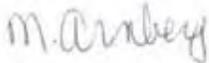
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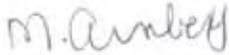
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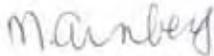
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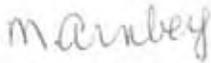
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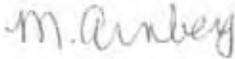
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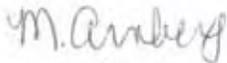
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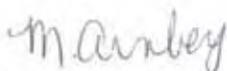
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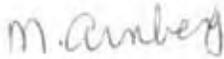
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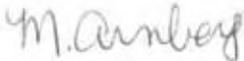
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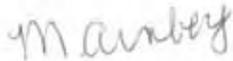
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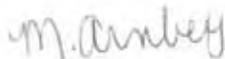
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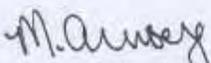
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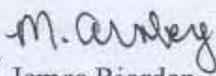
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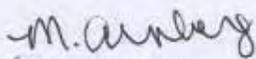
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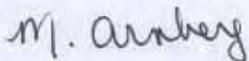
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June 24, 2009

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RE: Proposed Tower Installations within Organ Pipe Cactus Monument); CBP
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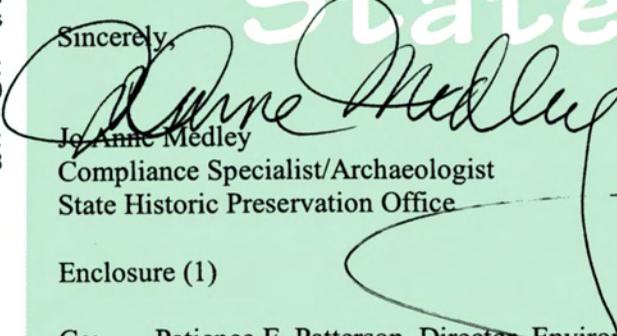
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We appreciate your continuing cooperation with our office in complying with the requirements of historic preservation.

Sincerely,


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SON C:1:71(ASM)	Historic (erosion control) Prehistoric (artifacts) <i>deanna</i>	No effect No effect	Unevaluated Ineligible DE ELIGIBLE	Archaeological monitoring during construction	TCA-AJO-310
→ No CR Site on CPNWR tower site	N/A	None	No Historic Properties Affected	No Historic Properties Affected	TCA-AJO-189



INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20229

Subject: Proposed Environmental Assessment for the SBInet Ajo-1 Project deployment, Border Patrol Tucson Sector

Dear Mr. Riordan:

The United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed environmental assessment (EA) for the Secure Border Initiative (SBInet) Ajo-1 Project. As we understand the project, you propose to develop and implement technology and tactical infrastructure that will help the Tucson Sector Border Patrol secure the border by immediately detecting and identifying border entries, classifying threat, and implementing effective and efficient resolution. The goal is to design, develop, and deploy technology-based solutions to decrease illegal border activities and deter and prevent illegal entry in the area between Why and Lukeville, Arizona.

The following comments are provided for your perusal. The USIBWC has a duty to access, maintain, and utilize the international boundary monuments along the United States/Mexico international land boundary. The USIBWC is charged with these duties through treaties and international agreements between the United States and Mexico. In addition, any proposed construction must allow for line-of-sight visibility between each of the boundary monuments. The USIBWC requires that engineering drawings be submitted to the USIBWC for review and approval prior to beginning any construction near the international boundary. These drawings must show the location of each component in relation to the international boundary and the boundary monuments.

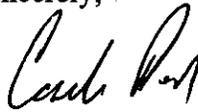
The USIBWC requests that proposed construction activities be accomplished in a manner that does not change historic surface runoff characteristics at the international border. The USIBWC will not approve any construction near the international boundary in the United States that increases, concentrates, or relocates overland drainage flows into either country. This requirement is intended to ensure that developments in one country will not cause damage to lands or resources in the other country. The USIBWC will need copies of any hydrological or hydraulic studies and site specific drawings for work proposed in the vicinity of the international boundary, particularly if new roads, pad sites or other structures are to be constructed in any drainage courses that cross the boundary. We will also require that you ensure that structures

constructed along the border are maintained in an adequate manner and that liability issues created by these structures are addressed.

Once the proposed infrastructure projects are better defined, we recommend that project specific details be submitted for review and comment by the USIBWC. The USIBWC has designated Mr. Brad Sargent, Realty Officer, Boundary and Realty Division as the agency single point of contact for all DHS border fence and other border security projects. Any future correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Sargent at the letterhead address. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please call me at (915) 832-4740 or contact Mr. Sargent at (915) 832-4139.

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Sincerely,



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Re: Proposed Environmental Assessment for SBInet Ajo-1 Project deployment, Border Patrol Tucson Sector

Dear Mr. Riordan:

Thank you for your February 18, 2009 request for comments regarding the proposed environmental assessment on constructing, operating, and maintaining up to twelve sensor and communication systems, and associated access roads. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Division (ADEQ) appreciates the opportunity to assist in the review of these projects. With the information provided, ADEQ would like to make you aware of some water quality issues that may need to be considered in this proposed environmental assessment.

Stormwater discharges associated with construction activities (clearing, grading, or excavating) which disturb one acre or more must obtain a general permit for coverage of stormwater discharges under the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System's Construction General Permit. Permit coverage also is required for construction activities that will disturb less than one acre of land but the project is part of a larger common plan of development or sale and the entire project will ultimately disturb one or more acres. As part of permit coverage, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must be prepared, and implemented during the course of construction. The SWPPP must comply with ADEQ's Construction General Permit's SWPPP requirements, and must identify such elements as the project scope, anticipated acreage of land disturbance, and the best management practices (BMPs) that would be implemented to reduce soil erosion and contain and/or minimize the pollutants that might be released to waters of the U.S. In addition to preparing the SWPPP, the project proponent would need to file for permit coverage. The Construction General Permit, SWPPP checklist, and associated forms are available on ADEQ's website at:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/permits/stormwater.html#const>. If you have questions, please contact Chris Henninger in our Stormwater and General Permits Unit at (602) 771-4508 or by e-mail at cph@azdeq.gov.

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