



INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
UNITED STATES SECTION

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Dear Interested Parties,

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for river management alternatives of the Rio Grande Canalization Project. The Final EIS was prepared by the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Reclamation. It analyzes potential effects of changes to Rio Grande Canalization Project operation and maintenance to enhance environmental conditions while continuing its flood control and water delivery mission. A No Action alternative and three long-term, action alternatives are included in the evaluation.

This Final EIS was prepared pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. A Record of Decision on a preferred river management alternative will be issued 30 days after the United States Environmental Protection Agency issues the notice that the Final EIS has been filed with them.

Final EIS copies have been sent to agencies, organizations and individual stakeholders who provided detailed reviews on the Draft EIS. Copies of the Executive Summary, along with the Final EIS and support technical documents in electronic CD format, have been sent to other individuals who provided commentary on the Draft EIS, or participated in development of river management alternatives. A limited number of printed copies of the Final EIS are available upon request by writing to:

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Thank you for your participation in the evaluation of long-term river management alternatives for the Rio Grande Canalization Project.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner