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Subj: Constituent Concern “ Proposed RB Inyokern Data Center (CEC Docket 26-SPPE-01) Near NAWS China Lake ” Request for EPA Review

I am a resident of Ridgecrest, California, writing to bring your attention to the proposed RB Inyokern Data Center (99 MW facility with 40 diesel backup generators) by R&L Capital, Inc. (California Energy Commission Docket 26-SPPE-01).

The project is located in unincorporated Kern County near Highways 395 and 178, only 6-7 miles from Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, in the critically overdrafted Indian Wells Valley groundwater basin.

Key concerns include:

• Significant water demand for cooling (hundreds of thousands of gallons per day in a desert environment with an already overdrafted aquifer).

• Potential impacts on shared regional power grid and water resources serving the Navy base.

• Lack of detailed water-use analysis or mitigation commitments in the current filing.

Although I support America’s need for data center infrastructure to advance AI, small rural communities should not bear disproportionate environmental and resource burdens.

I respectfully request that the EPA review this project for potential impacts under federal environmental laws and provide any appropriate guidance or oversight, especially regarding groundwater protection and cumulative effects in an overdrafted basin.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I will also provide my congressional representatives (Rep. Vince Fong and Sen. Shannon Grove) and local officials a courtesy copy.

Very respectfully,

Frank Guevara, Ed.D.