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## **Impact to Ground Water**

This area is in critical over draft of the available groundwater. The local community is already going to Herculean efforts to manage this scarce resource since there are virtually no realistic options to obtain additional water. It is highly questionable to bring in any type of commercial activity that would further deplete the available water. It could catastrophically impact both Inyokern and Ridgecrest to the point the communities would have to be abandoned. Because of the premier Navy research, trust, and evaluation located in this area, this data center project could jeopardize national security by impacting the available groundwater. This project needs a thorough and detailed review with particular emphasis on the impact to the water in this very hot desert area before any decisions are made to consider moving forward.