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Imperial Valley residents want jobs in lithium

When you ask residents of the Imperial Valley what they hope to get out of lithium extraction development in the region, they say they want jobs. And for good reason: Imperial County's unemployment level is at 14.7% — almost four times the national average of 3.8%.

Last week, two of the three companies eyeing lithium in the region made their job-creation case in front of the Lithium Valley Commission. Controlled Thermal Resources, CTR, says it will create more than 4,000 jobs. It told the commission 95% of those jobs will go to residents of Imperial County. <https://lithiumvalle.substack.com/p/issue-2-iid-sells-3144-acres-of-lithium>