



**U.S. Customs and
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Subject: Proposed Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of a New U.S. Border Patrol Station, Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico

Mr. Taumoepeau:

United States (U.S.) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new Border Patrol Station (BPS), Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico (Figure 1). The BPS would be sited on a parcel that is approximately 30 to 40 acres in size. The purpose of the new station is to accommodate the addition of new agents and personnel to increase border security within the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) El Paso Sector (EPT), Las Cruces BPS Area of Responsibility (AOR), with an ultimate objective of increasing the probability of apprehension of those that have entered the U.S. illegally.

CBP is gathering data and input from state and local governmental agencies, departments, and bureaus that may be affected by, or that would otherwise have an interest in, this proposed action. If your agency or organization has particular knowledge and expertise regarding potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action, CBP is seeking your input regarding the likely or anticipated environmental effects of this proposed action. Your response should include any state and local restrictions, permitting, or other requirements with which CBP would have to comply during project siting, construction, and operation.

CBP invites you to participate in the scoping process. Please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter to ensure your concerns are adequately addressed during the scoping process. A public review process and comment period will occur at a later date for the Draft EA.

Your attention to this notice is greatly appreciated. Comments can be submitted by email to BPAMNEPA@CBP.DHS.GOV or by mail to John Petrilla, CBP, 85 Enterprise, Fourth Floor, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656.

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Enclosures

Figure 1. Proposed Action Locations

