

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit #25-0003 / Initial Study #25-0009

Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning and Development Services

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City: El Centro

Zip: 92243

County: Imperial

Project Location: County: Imperial

City/Nearest Community: Holtville

Cross Streets: Alamo Rd and Melon Rd

Zip Code: 92250

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 32 ° 48 ' 53.481 " N / 115 ° 23 ' 21.0438 " W Total Acres: 21.36 AC

Assessor's Parcel No.: 045-570-088-000

Section: 26

Twp.: 15 South

Range: 15 East

Base: SBBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 115

Waterways: Alamo River, Ninth Street Ditch, Tenth Street Ditch, Eleventh Street Ditch, Pear Canal, Ash Lateral 20 Canal

Airports: N/A

Railways: N/A

Schools: Holtville High School

Document Type:CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☒ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.)

☐ Draft EIS☐ Other:☐ Mit Neg Dec

Other:

☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☒ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: Initial Study**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units

Acres

☐ Office: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Transportation: Type☐ Commercial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Mining: Mineral☒ Industrial: Sq.ft. 8,000

Acres 0

Employees 4

☐ Power: Type

MW

☐ Educational:☐ Waste Treatment: Type

MGD

☐ Recreational:☐ Hazardous Waste: Type☐ Water Facilities: Type

MGD

☐ Other:**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☒ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☒ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☐ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☐ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☐ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☒ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☒ Other: Land Use and Planning**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

M-1-U (Light Industrial with Urban Overlay) / General Plan Designation: Urban

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See separate page.

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NOC Project Description (CUP #25-0003 / IS #25-0009):

The applicant submitted a Conditional Use Permit application (CUP #25-0003) for battery recycling facility, with Initial Study #25-0009. The project proposes to use an existing 8,000 square foot facility at 2255 Melon Road in an unincorporated area adjacent to the City of Holtville, identified under Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 045-570-088-000. The 21.36-acre subject parcel is currently built up with 7 building structures of varying sizes and has access from Melon Road.

The proposed battery recycling facility will focus on the crushing of inert batteries. These inert, inactive lithium batteries will be discharged in a facility in Los Angeles County and then delivered to the Holtville site via truck cargo Monday through Friday. A maximum of two trucks per day will be delivered to the site and up to two trucks will be transporting the crushed materials from the site to San Diego for export to Japan. Daily deliveries are expected to be approximately 40,000 lbs and a maximum of approximately 120,000 lbs. Deliveries are expected to occur around 11:00 am, while exports will take place around 9:00 am.

Discharged batteries are received primarily from the Los Angeles County facility and, on occasion, directly from automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). These batteries are classified under hazardous waste code D003. Before transport, OHM's Los Angeles County facility or the Original Equipment Manufacturers conducts a complete electrical resistance discharge using customized, purpose-built equipment to ensure the batteries are safely neutralized.

All batteries are discharged to 0 volts prior to shipment, in full compliance with 49 CFR Part 397 and all applicable packaging and handling regulations. These measures are implemented to eliminate the risk of hazardous materials being released into the environment during transport.

At the project site, sand and Class D fire extinguishing agents will be readily available in sufficient quantities to suppress and extinguish any potential fires, and to prevent their spread. To minimize the risk of thermal runaway, only the volume of batteries that can be processed within a single day will be accepted onsite, stockpiling is strictly avoided.

The onsite process will consist of crushing the batteries with an industrial crusher located inside the 8,000 square foot facility. The crusher will occupy an area of approximately 550 square feet. OHM employees will utilize volt meters to verify that all the batteries received at the project site are completely discharged to 0 volts. If there are any batteries found that are not completely discharged, they will be removed through a quarantine process and returned to their source for additional processing. Once batteries are confirmed as being discharged and inert, the batteries will be crushed into 1.5" to 3" chunks. Crushed materials are then placed onto metal drums which will then be transported to San Diego for shipping. The crushing system is designed as a closed system, with VOC (Volatile Organic Compound)/air quality monitoring and purifying equipment. Employees will be utilizing personal protective equipment as required.

The process takes approximately 24 hours from the time the batteries are received onsite until the time they leave the site. Crushed batteries are not stored on site for longer than 48 hours. Business operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 5:00PM, with a total of 4 employees working onsite at any given time.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 09/16/2025

Ending Date 10/21/2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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| Consulting Firm: _____ | Applicant: _____ |
| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
| City/State/Zip: _____ | City/State/Zip: _____ |
| Contact: _____ | Phone: _____ |
| Phone: _____ | |

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 09/16/2025

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.