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Dear DOE Staff

I'd like to emphasize the only areas in your draft rule that make any sense for having significant impacts to offset potential environmental and senior water right losses caused by the expansion of construction based on Exempt Wells.

1. Projects and required actions that provide for water conservation.
2. Projects that address bigger water supply and streamflow issues while also addressing permit exempt wells; (e.g.) Surface to groundwater conversions & water conservation for agriculture, and/or creating a water bank