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Though the DEIS analyzes and predicts dire environmental and socio-economic impacts from the Proposed Action and five alternatives, the DEIS contains many flaws and inadequacies that must be addressed before any fully informed Record of Decision can be reached. Among the faults are a failure to disclose the economic cost of the project, and the lack of specificity of well locations to gauge the environmental impacts. Likewise, the DEIS fails to substantiate the Southern Nevada Water Authority's need for the project by dismissing out-of-hand the other viable options for the Authority to meet its water supply needs such as through increased conservation and ocean desalinization."

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