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YUMA PROJECT OFFICE

Our Yuma office is located at
1940 S. 3rd Avenue, Suite A, Yuma, AZ 85364.

The Colorado River, which runs from north to south, forms the international boundary between the United States and Mexico for 24 miles in the vicinity of Yuma, Arizona and San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora. The 1944 Water Treaty between the two countries includes a requirement that the U.S. deliver to Mexico 1.5 million acre-feet of water from the Colorado River every year. Ensuring delivery of this water is a key responsibility of the Yuma office.



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- The 1944 Water Treaty states that 1.5 million acre-feet of Colorado River water be allotted to Mexico annually with an additional 200,000 allotted during years of surplus. Water allotment reduced in the event of extraordinary drought or serious accident to the U.S. irrigation system.
- The Treaty also authorized the construction of Morelos Dam to divert the Colorado River water for Mexico's use
- 1.36 million acre-feet is delivered and diverted at Morelos Dam. The main accounting station for this delivery is at the Northerly International Boundary (NIB) gaging station located 512 meters upstream of the dam .









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- Other Responsibilities include:
- To manage, plan, and administer the operation and maintenance of an extensive system of river gages and facilities in the Colorado River from NIB to SIB for the purpose of securing water accounting, water quality, and salinity data required to meet Treaty and domestic requirements;
- In coordination with Mexico, to assure the safe and proper operation and maintenance of a flood control system on the Colorado River and of the Morelos Diversion Dam in Mexico such as dredging to maintain the river's conveyance capacity;











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- In coordination with CILA and representatives of the Mexican government, monitor the water quality in the New River and in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, through observations and the collection of samples;
- Monitor the condition of the Wellton-Mohawk Bypass Drain in Mexico, and coordinate the maintenance of the drain with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Mexico;
- Compute and verify water quantity and quality data in preparation for publication in the Western Boundary Water Bulletin;





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- Minute 242 sets forth the measure to assure the Colorado River waters delivered to Mexico upstream from Morelos Dam has a flow-weighted average annual salinity of no more than 115 ppm +/- 30 ppm U.S. count (121 ppm +/- 30 ppm Mexico count).











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