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Campbell Young  
General Manager  
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**Re: United States Iron and Steel Exemption Request  
Texas Water Development Fund  
Wellborn SUD, Project No. 21799  
Water Supply and Distribution System Improvements**

Dear Mr. Young,

Thank you for requesting an exemption from **United States Iron and Steel (USIS)** requirements for the project referenced above. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) reviews these requests and works with project sponsors to resolve compliance issues prior to public comment.

Our review confirms that the project is eligible for a non-availability exemption under Texas Government Code (TGC) Section 2252.203, which applies to projects that document, "Iron and steel products produced in the United States are not: (a) produced in sufficient quantities, (b) reasonably available, or (c) of satisfactory quality." **This exemption only applies to the 18-inch steel well casing within the project.**

The proposed exemption was posted on the TWDB website for informal public comment from November 20, 2025, to December 1, 2025. No comments were received.

Based on the documentation provided and review of public comments, **the 18-inch steel well casing in this project meets the requirements of the non-applicability exemption.** The TWDB formally approved this exemption request at the January 22, 2026, Board meeting.

This approved exemption will be posted on the TWDB's [U.S. Iron and Steel webpage](#). This letter **should be retained in the project files for the duration of the project loan.** While the USIS exemption for the 18-inch well casing was approved, the use of American-made manufactured products and non-ferrous construction materials are still required for the remainder of the project.

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The TWDB appreciates the information provided in support of this exemption request. If you have any additional questions, please contact your TWDB Project Reviewer.

Sincerely,

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