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This paper uses qualitative, first-person experience from the field, to show how the impetus for homeland security, arising in the United States, after September 11, 2001, has changed organizational culture, and the design and meaning of work, on the California-Mexico Border. How this change has impacted individual employees is given from the perspective of a veteran Agricultural Officer at the Port of Calexico, using participant observation, hermeneutical and phenomenology techniques.

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