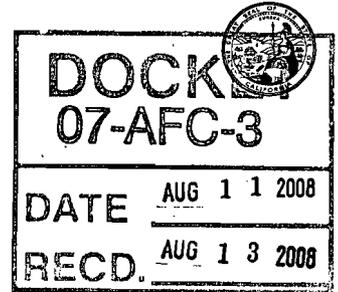


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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT
FOR THE CPV SENTINEL ENERGY PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (07-AFC-3)

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) for the CPV Sentinel Energy Project (CPV Sentinel) Application for Certification (07-AFC-3). The PSA was published on July 31, 2008. The PSA contains the California Energy Commission staff's initial engineering and environmental evaluation of the CPV Sentinel project.

With the exception of Soil and Water Resources, staff finds that the CPV Sentinel project would comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards. With the exception of Biological Resources and Soil and Water Resources, staff's preliminary conclusions are also that significant adverse direct, indirect or cumulative impacts are not likely to occur. The issues associated with the two technical areas in which staff is continuing its analysis, are summarized as follows:

- **Biology** – Staff has tentatively determined that operational-related impacts due to the use of groundwater in the Mission Creek Groundwater Subbasin may have significant direct and cumulative impacts on the mesquite hummocks vegetation community in the Willow Hole Conservation Area and the special-status species it supports. Staff is currently investigating whether this impact can be mitigated to a less than significant level. These mitigation measures could include a particular groundwater recharge schedule, participation by the applicant in a USFWS-sponsored deep irrigation system for the Willow Hole Conservation Area, and/or an alternative water supply.
- **Soil and Water** – The completion of staff's analysis of the proposed water supply plan is subject to obtaining and evaluating documentation indicating that the fresh water planned for importation and recharge into the Mission Creek Subbasin identified in the applicant's Implementation Plan is reasonably available and would be a reliable supply over the 30-year life of the project, and has been subject to appropriate California Environmental Quality Act review. Staff is also further considering the appropriate thresholds of significance for evaluating the applicant's water supply plan in light of local, regional and statewide water supply and water quality issues, including regional overdraft conditions.

Agencies and members of the public are encouraged to participate in the PSA review process. Written comments would be appreciated by August 29, 2008. You may also present your views at the PSA workshop that will be held on a date to be determined and which will be noticed separately.

The PSA is available for review at the following local libraries:

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Riverside County Library System
Desert Hot Springs Library
11691 West Drive
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Palm Springs Public Library
300 South Sunrise Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

The PSA is also available on the Internet (see below). However, if you would like a paper copy or CD of the PSA, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to California Energy Commission, Attention: Maria Sergoyan, Siting Project Secretary, at (916) 651-9410, or by e-mail at msergoya@energy.state.ca.us.

If you desire information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser, Elena Miller, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to John Kessler, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4679 or at jkessler@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, an electronic copy of the Application for Certification, the PSA, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's web site at www.energy.ca.gov/siting_cases/sentinel/index.html.

If you need reasonable accommodation in terms of assistance, please contact Lourdes Quiroz of the Administrative Services Division at (916) 654-5146, or e-mail Lourdes at lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Executive Director, Susanne Garfield, at (916) 654-4989.

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Please send me a paper copy / CD (circle one) of the California Energy Commission staff's Preliminary Staff Assessment for the CPV Sentinel Energy Project (CPV Sentinel) Application for Certification (07-AFC-3).

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