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Re: IVANPAH SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned member of a science class at Saint Leo University in Florida. We have studied the proposal in class, and I personally question your rationale in approving the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) project. The project, even with the mitigation measures described in the Decision Report, will have remaining significant impacts on the environment that outweigh the benefits.

It is unacceptable to have said project in an area where an endangered species is located. No matter if the project's intention is to relocate these animals, you would still be inconveniencing them. The Mojave was their habitat first, why should you take that away from them? Not to mention the aesthetic appeal this project would have on the environment to the local community. How would you like to look at it on a daily basis? The translocation and relocation of the Tortoises is not necessary, all you have to do is put your ISEGS project somewhere else. These animals could be put in even greater danger and could diminish their already endangered species.

Please hear not only myself, but all the other citizens of the United States out. This is our home and we all want what's best for our environment. The ISEGS project is not welcome in the Mojave Desert and the Tortoise population could be in grave danger if you continue to use the Stimulus money on this unwelcomed project.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah A. Young