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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 studied the proposal in class, and I personally question your rationale in disproving the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) project. The project, even with the mitigation measures described in the Decision Report, will have impacts on the environment that don't outweigh the benefits of new steps towards clean and efficient energy. I believe the solar field should be built in the Ivanpah Valley with the Stimulus money given to the companies and organizations involved in the project.

The Hoover Dam was constructed between 1931 and 1936 on the border between the states of Arizona and Nevada. Located in the Black canyon of the Colorado River, the Dam drastically changed the environment on site, several miles up and down river. The local fish population was directly impacted by the dam, hundreds of construction men were killed during the project, and large Lake Mead was formed behind the dam drowning the shores of the previous river. Today, the Hoover dam is a great tourist attraction and huge supplier of electricity to nearby cities. Southern California receives about 28% of power, the state of Nevada about 23% and Arizona 18%. Many other electric companies and cities receive amounts of energy as well. Furthermore, Lake Mead

has become a popular water sport capital for boating, jet skiing, wakeboarding, and skiing.

The Ivanpaw Valley may take direct impacts in the first months and years of construction, but it will soon become the first large scale step towards new sources of energy in the 21st century and one of the largest homegrown sources of energy built in our generation. The Solar fields will become a tourist center for learn about the growth and progress of solar energy. Also, it will help our country come out of a harsh recession with thousands of new jobs, new home grown energy instead of buying foreign oil and will help reduce losing our money to other countries for energy. This project will surge our economy, increase awareness about solar and clean sources of energy and eventually become a beacon of the American Spirit as the Hoover dam once did.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Kaman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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