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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 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 out weigh the benefits. I believe that these solar panels should not be put up in the desert because they might cause more damage than good. Not only do we have to worry about the turtles and their habitat, but we also have to think about the miles and miles of wiring that have to be run through to the panels. What if animals get to it and get curious? We have to worry about the money to fix the wiring, and all the animals that can be injured in the process. Why put these panels in the desert when there are plenty of roof tops on Las Vegas to put them on? If Las Vegas needs some solar energy than each individual company should look into placing some panels on top of their own building.

Sincerely yours,

Sara Schmalz

