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Greetings,

We are having some connection issues today and can't upload anything to the E filing system so we hope it is OK to send to this list.

Because there will be a workshop for the Palen Solar Project on April 16th, we believe it would be a good idea to talk about two recent updates to the ISEGS project.

These updates include:

1. On March 27th, NRG, the owners of the Ivanpah Project submitted a [Petition to Amend](#) in which "ISEGS is requesting an increase in the maximum allowable annual fuel usage limit from 328 MMSCF per power block to 525 MMSCF. The requested change would require modification of the annual fuel use limits in Conditions AQ-12 and AQ-34."

That is the second request they have made to use more natural gas since approval. We would like to know if this will become an issue for the Palen Project.

2. On March 10th, 2014, the CEC received a complaint from the [Las Vegas McCarran International Airport](#) about the intense, "blinding" glare from the ISEGS project. While the owner of ISEGS submitted a response, we still have a few questions about glare safety issues for the Palen Solar Project. We visited the ISEGS Project on March 25th, 2014 and found that there were very few places you could go near the project without experiencing a "flash" from the heliostats for over 30 minutes. Some of the glare was so intense, it was painful to the eyes. On the northwest side of Unit 3, about one out of ten heliostats were in a horizontal position. While the CEC explained that the ISEGS project was still being configured, they were also uncertain about how many times the heliostats would be placed in a stand by, glaring position during operation.

We believe there is still a glare danger to hikers, motorists and pilots from these power tower designs and would be interested to know how it would be prevented for the Palen Project.

Thank you,

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Basin and Range Watch

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