

Please accept my enclosed comments¹ on the Staff Assessment / Draft Plan Amendment / Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DPA/DEIS) for the proposed Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP), Application for Certification (09-AFC-9).

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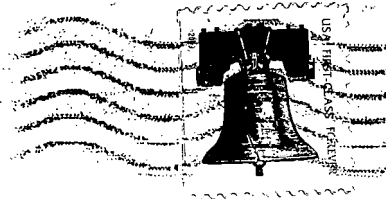
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW OR ATTACH A TYPED LETTER. THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PAGES THAT CAN BE SUBMITTED. ONLY LEGIBLE COMMENTS WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT AND/OR THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THANK YOU.

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Mr. Solorio,

I have comments and concerns regarding the proposal of Solar Millennium, LLC for the installation of a solar power plant near the city of Ridgecrest, CA.

I have major concerns about citing this project in the Indian Wells Valley area. The way solar plants are currently built, all vegetation is stripped off the land, in this case pristine high desert land, over a large area. When the prevailing winds blow, that dust is going to be another air pollution hazard on top of the mess we have when winds blow the Owens Lake toxic clouds our way. The plant will use toxic chemicals in its operations and will apply toxics to the ground to keep the vegetation from growing. I say no, thanks.

Other concerns are that the area now chosen for this plant is sacred Native American land. Our biological diversity, water and environment will be sacrificed to create power to go south. The residents of this valley have to depend upon an underground aquifer for water that is already being overused. Solar Millennium originally planned a "wet" solar plant...in the desert! They have changed their plans to a "dry" solar plant, but what were they thinking? Even with this change the plant will use too much scarce, local water. They could also purchase land that has already been disturbed, but they want "free" public lands.

In the rush by state and federal governments to fast track these solar projects, my concern is that the company hasn't been very thorough about finding a good location. There is flat, already plowed open land south of here. All existing desert management plans need to be studied and addressed for reasonable public land use. I do support solar and renewable energy in general. It may be better to make adding solar technology to existing buildings a higher priority and make it more economical with tax credits than destroying our deserts with solar plants which have a limited life span. Once pristine desert is destroyed, the land cannot be "mitigated."

Sincerely,



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