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Eric Solorio  
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RE: Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP), Docket No. 09-AFC-9, Response to Daniel Burnett email regarding the potential for UXO hazards on the RSPP Site.

Dear Mr. Solorio:

Attached please find our response to Mr. Burnett's April 27, 2010 e-mail entitled "SAFETY ITEM Unexploded ordinance - Alice Karl document". This has been docketed in accordance with CEC requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 510-809-4662 (office) or 949-433-4049 (cell).

Sincerely,



Billy Owens  
Director, Project Development



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION**  
**For the *RIDGECREST SOLAR***  
***POWER PROJECT***

**Docket No. 09-AFC-9**

**PROOF OF SERVICE**  
**(Revised 4/12/2010)**

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Elizabeth Copley, declare that on April 29, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (Docket No. 09-AFC-9) Response to Daniel Burnett email regarding the potential for UXO hazards on the RSPP Site. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

[\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar\\_millennium\\_ridgecrest\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest).

The documents have been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

***(Check all that Apply)***

**For service to all other parties:**

- sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;
- by personal delivery;
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**AND**

**For filing with the Energy Commission:**

- sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method);

**OR**

- depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
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**To:** Billy Owens  
**Subject:** RE: SAFETY ITEM Unexploded ordinance - Alice Karl document

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**From:** Billy Owens  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 9:07 PM  
**To:** Daniel Burnett  
**Cc:** Eric Solorio  
**Subject:** RE: SAFETY ITEM Unexploded ordinance - Alice Karl document  
**Importance:** High

I appreciate the suggestion, but we had the UXO removed by the US Navy sometime ago. SM's environmental contractor found three (3)UXO and reported this to the EOD at China Lake when it was found. BLM informed SM of the history of military use of the site and the potential UXO on the site. SM personnel and contractors are required to undergo training for explosive devices prior to being permitted on the site. This is a safety precaution.

There will be an official response file formally in the future to ensure all parties we take this seriously.

Thanks again.

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**From:** Daniel Burnett [mailto:imdanburnett@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 11:34 AM  
**To:** Eric Solorio; Billy Owens  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Copley; Lisa Belenky; Terri Middlemiss; California ISO; Alice Harron; Emmerich Kevin; Tim Olson; Anthony Eggert; Scott Galati; Peter Weiner; Tanya Gulesserian; Basin and Range Watch; Jennifer Jennings; Janet Eubanks; Brenda Burnett; Sidney Silliman; Michael J. Connor; Kourtney Vaccaro; Matthew Sanders; Ileene Anderson; James D. Boyd; Cunningham Laura  
**Subject:** SAFETY ITEM Unexploded ordinance - Alice Karl document

Eric and Billy,

In the Alice Karl document - [Presentation from Alice E. Karl, Ph.D. - Analysis of Population and Species Impacts to the Desert Tortoise, Due to the Siting of this Project in its Current Location](#) - there is a photo (on about page 17) of what is indicated to be unexploded ordinance on the proposed RSPP site. I had discounted this as being untrue but, If this is true (which I doubt very much), I want to report it to the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team at China Lake because it would be a very real hazard to life needing to be removed.

I believe that it is picture of a cannon round (155MM) and is very unlikely to be found at this location - (as would be the case with any unexploded ordinance). China Lake does not do much cannon work and none of it would be fired off of the base. But if this is really there we need to take steps to have it removed.

Dan Burnett  
Kerncrest Audubon Society