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I fully agree with the concerns of fellow San Diego County resident Mr. Richard A. Ayers, engineer, when he asks "since thousands of acres of public land are going to be dedicated to this solar energy project, what are the implications of taxpayer responsibility for SunCatchers removal and remediation of the land should a failure of the technology implementation occur? Such a cleanup effort even in the first phase would cost hundreds of millions of dollars, while SES Solar Two, LLC would declare bankruptcy and abandon the site.

The SunCatchers final design is nearing completion with release in early 2009. This means that none of these units have been built yet, and certainly will not be tested until late in 2009. How can any rational decision be made at this time to site 12,000-30,000 of these units on public land based on current evaluation data?"

The current economy in the United States dictates that large financial commitments are looked at with a "common sense" point of view. The bottom line should be to make sure that a product's final design is first completed – and then tested in the environment it is planned to be used – that of sand storms and the "white ground fog" from Plaster City. These tests, of course, should be conducted on privately owned property – not public lands.

I add my voice with Mr. Ayers' when he requests that these units be "run for six months to a year, tabulating collected energy, operational availability and operating costs to determine project viability before proceeding to a larger model to be sited on public lands."

Regards,

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