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**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE PETITION TO AMEND THE ENERGY COMMISSION  
DECISION FOR WALNUT CREEK ENERGY PARK PROJECT (05-AFC-2C)  
PERTAINING TO NOISE IMPACT REVIEW**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has reviewed this petition as it relates to noise impacts. Upon review of the notice of receipt, the following comments are provided for your consideration:

- The owner requests to replace the older existing utility steam boiler capacity with gas turbine equipment. The commission should review noise specifications associated with operation of this proposed replacement, as to whether the replacement will significantly increase ambient noise levels at the sensitive receptors in close proximity.
- The owner requests to modify condition AQ-3 to permit 480 startups and shutdowns per year and a maximum of two shutdowns per day. The commission should review noise specifications associated with startups, as to whether these startups will contribute to a significant increase in ambient noise levels at the sensitive receptors in close proximity.
- The commission should require the owner to provide, if necessary, a detailed acoustical analysis of the proposed modifications.

Please contact our office at (213) 738-3220 for questions you may have on this matter.

Sincerely,

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