August 13, 2012

Michael J. Levy
Office of Chief Counsel
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-14
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Petition for Inspection of Confidential Records Pursuant to Title 20, Section 2506

Dear Mr. Levy:

Pursuant to section 2506 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, I am petitioning for inspection of all Exhibit 11 UXO/MEC Encounter Reports prepared as part of the Monthly Compliance Reports for the Blythe Solar Power Project. I seek to review the requested records to enable me to review the Draft Environmental Impact Report (“DEIR”) for the adjacent McCoy Solar Energy Project.

Both the Blythe Solar Power Project and the McCoy Solar Energy Project lie on areas previously utilized for military operations, known as the Desert Training Center/California-Arizona Maneuver Area. The May 2011 Monthly Compliance Report for the Blythe Solar Power Project states that “a practice landmine was discovered eroding out of the sidewall of a wash” and “where the mine was discovered should undergo geophysical clearance before work resumes in the area. A copy of the report is included in Exhibit 11.”¹ The McCoy Solar Energy Project lies on an area with a similar land use history as the Blythe Solar Power Project. Because UXO were found within the boundaries of Blythe Solar Power Project, I believe that UXO may also be found within the boundaries of the McCoy Solar Energy Project.

I seek to review the requested information in order to provide fully informed comments regarding the possible presence of UXO/MEC within the boundaries of the McCoy Solar Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Matt Hagemann, P.G., C.Hg., QSD, QSP