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Mr. Martinez, I have a question regarding the noise report for the Oakley Generating Station. One of the noise mitigation requirements was ..."the project owner shall conduct a 25 hr. community noise survey at monitoring locations M2 and M3 when the project achieves a sustained output of 85% or greater of its rated capacity." My question is what duration of time constitutes a "sustained output"? The applicants in the project have been touting its quick start capabilities and ability to respond to quickly to fluctuating power demands. My concern is that those abilities also make it easier to manipulate a "sustained output" requirement. If, for instance, 4 hours is considered a sustained output, the operator could easily ramp down the output (to below 85% capacity) for 5 minutes only to ramp up power for another 3 hour and 55 min cycle. This could side step the required noise survey. Thank you for your time with this seemingly trivial question. Chris Aday adays@pacbell.net

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