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RE: **Blythe Solar Power Project, Docket No. 09-AFC-6**
Re: Response to Staff's Rebuttal Testimony Blythe Solar Power Project
June 16, 2010 Hazardous Materials Management
Technical Areas: Worker Safety/Hazardous Materials (Revised HazMat Table 5.6-3R)

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Attached please find the following response to the Staff request that the applicant revise Table 5.6-3R to reflect the total amounts of each hazardous material that will be used and stored on-site when the project is built to completion and all power blocks are operating.

If you have any questions on this submittal, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Staff's Rebuttal Testimony Blythe Solar Power Project June 16, 2010
Hazardous Materials Management, Alvin Greenberg, Ph.D.

Background:

Staff has no objection to the clarification or to accepting a revised list of hazardous materials. Staff does, however, object to Table 5.6-3R listing the amounts of hazardous materials by power block instead of the entire site. Staff would very much prefer that the maximum amount of each hazardous material that the applicant wishes to use and store on the entire site be listed. Staff feels that it is misleading to list the amount per power block as the entire site is contiguous, shares the same security perimeter, shares the same command and control systems, share the same fire suppression water loop, and are owned by the same company. As an example of how other regulatory agencies will treat this site, one Risk Management Plan will be required for the entire site (not each power block), one Hazardous Materials Business Plan will be required, and if it were under the jurisdiction of the U.S Department of Homeland Security Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (6 CFR Part 27), the storage at the entire site would be considered as being present, not the amount at one power block.

Technical Areas: Worker Safety and Hazardous Materials

WORKSHOP REQUEST-4

Information Required:

Staff requests that the applicant revise Table 5.6-3R to reflect the total amounts of each hazardous material that will be used and stored on-site when the project is built to completion and all power blocks are operating.

Response:

Please see attached TABLE 5.6-3 revised for an updated list of the hazardous materials likely to be used at the Blythe Solar Power Project based on the current understanding of the project design and process requirements. The total quantities identified now reflect the cumulative total to be stored on site considering all four power blocks as Staff has requested.

Table 5.6-3R Summary of Special Handling Precautions for Large Quantity Hazardous Materials (Rev.2)

Hazardous Material and CAS No.[1]	Relative Toxicity[2] and Hazard Class[3]	RQ[4] pounds (kg)	Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL)	Storage Description; Capacity	Storage Practices and Special Handling Precautions
Sulfuric Acid, 29.5% solution CAS No. 7664-93-9	High toxicity; Hazard class – Corrosive, water reactive	1,000 lbs	PEL: 1 milligram per cubic meter (mg/m^3)	Contained in batteries; 8,000 gal total inventory	Isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Carbon Dioxide CAS No. 124-38-9	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Nonflammable gas	Not Applicable	TLV: 5,000 ppm (9,000 mg/m^3) TWA	Carbon steel tank; 60 tons maximum onsite inventory	Carbon steel tank with crash posts
Therminol VP-1 Biphenyl (26.5%) CAS No. 92-52-4 Diphenyl ether (73.5%) CAS No. 101-84-8	Moderate toxicity, Hazard class – Irritant; Combustible Liquid (Class III-B)	Biphenyl = 100 lbs (45.4 kg) Diphenyl ether = Not applicable	Biphenyl = PEL: 0.2 milliliters per cubic meter (ml/m^3) (8-hr TWA) TLV: 0.2 ml/m^3 (1 mg/m^3) (8-hr TWA) Diphenyl ether = TLV: 1 ml/m^3 (8-hr TWA) TLV: 2 ml/m^3 (15-min TWA) PEL: 1 ml/m^3 (7 mg/m^3) (15-min TWA)	8.8 million gal in system, no additional onsite storage.	Continuous monitoring of pressure in piping network; routine inspections (sight, sound, smell) by operations staff; isolation valves throughout piping network to minimize fluid loss in the event of a leak; prompt clean up and repair

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Lube Oil CAS No. 64742-65-0	Low toxicity Hazard class – NA	Not applicable	None established	Carbon steel tanks, 40,000 gallons in equipment and piping, additional maintenance inventory of up to 2,200 gallons in 55-gallon steel drums	Secondary containment area for each tank and for maintenance inventory
Mineral Insulating Oil CAS No. 8042-47-5	Low toxicity Hazard class – NA	Not applicable	None established	Carbon steel transformers; total onsite inventory of 144,000 gallons	Used only in transformers, secondary containment for each transformer
Diesel Fuel CAS No. 68476-34-6	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Combustible Liquid	Not applicable	PEL: none established TLV: 100 mg/m^3 (ACGIH)	Carbon steel tank (4,600 gallon [generator & fire water pump engine])	Stored only in fuel tank of emergency engine, secondary containment
Hydrogen	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Flammable gas	Not applicable	None Established	In generator cooling loop and “tube trailer”; piping system inventory 1,400 pounds; plus 2,600 lbs in storage trailer	Pressure safety tank, crash posts, pressure relief valves
Nitrogen CAS No. 7727-37-9	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Non-Flammable Gas	Not applicable	None established	Carbon steel tank; 30,000 lbs total inventory	Carbon steel tank with crash posts
Hydraulic fluid CAS No. 64741-89-5	Low to moderate toxicity; Hazard class – Class IIIB Combustible Liquid	Not applicable	TWA (oil mist): 5 mg/m^3 STEL: 10 mg/m^3	Carbon steel tanks and sumps; 2000 gallons in equipment, maintenance inventory of 440 gallons in 55-gallon steel drums	Found only in equipment with a small maintenance inventory; maintenance inventory stored within secondary containment

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Welding gas Acetylene CAS No. 74-86-2	Moderate toxicity; Hazard class – Toxic	10,000 lbs	PEL: none established	Steel cylinders; 200 cubic feet each, 3200 cubic feet total on site	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals
Welding gas Oxygen CAS No. 7782-44-7	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Oxidizer	Not applicable	PEL: none established	Steel cylinders; 200 cubic feet each, 3200 cubic feet total on site	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals
Welding gas Argon CAS No. 7440-37-1	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Non-flammable Gas	Not applicable	PEL: none established	Steel cylinders; 200 cubic feet each, 3200 cubic feet total on site	Inventory management
Activated Carbon CAS No. 7440-44-0	Non-toxic (when unsaturated), low to moderate toxicity when saturated, depending on the adsorbed material; Hazard class – combustible solid	Not Applicable	TWA (total particulate): 15 mg/m^3 TWA (respirable fraction): 5 mg/m^3 TLV (graphite, all forms except graphite fibers): 2 mg/m3 TWA	Used in eight x 2,000-lb canisters, 16,000 lbs total inventory, no additional storage	No excess inventory stored on site, prompt disposal when spent
Calcium Hypochlorite 100% CAS No. 7778-54-3	Moderate toxicity; Hazard Class – Corrosive, Irritant	10 lbs	PEL: none established Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 850 mg/kg [Rat].	Minimal onsite storage for water treatment, not expected to exceed 200 lbs	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals

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Water treatment chemical Sodium Carbonate (soda ash)	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not Applicable	TBD	40 tons	Stored in steel silos. Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals
Water treatment chemical Lime (calcium oxide)	Moderate toxicity; Hazard class - Irritant	Not Applicable	TBD	40 tons	Stored in steel silos. Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals
Water treatment chemical Magnesium Chloride	Non-toxic; Hazard class – NA	Not Applicable	TBD	2000 gallons	Inventory management
Water treatment chemical Sodium Bisulfate (aka sodium hydrogen sulfate)	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not Applicable	Sodium bisulfite = PEL: none established: TLV: 5 mg/m^3 TWA	2000 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals
Boiler water treatment chemical Ferric Sulfate (35% solution) CAS Number 10028-22-5	Moderate toxicity; Hazard class - Irritant	1,000 lbs	TBD	40,000 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment

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Water treatment chemical NALCO Tri-Act 1800 *or equivalent* Cyclohexlyamine (5 – 10%) Monoehtanolamine (10 – 30%) Methoxyproplyamine (10 – 30%)	High toxicity; Hazard class – Corrosive, Class II Combustible liquid	Not Applicable	Cyclohexlyamine = TLV: 10 ppm (41 mg/m^3) Monoethanolamine = TLV: 3 ppm (7.5 mg/m^3) TWA: 3 ppm (7.5 mg/m^3) STEL: 6 ppm (15 mg/m^3) Methoxyproplyamine = TLV: 5 ppm TWA STEL: 15 ppm	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical NALCO Elimin-Ox Carbohydazide (5 - 10%) *or equivalent*	Moderate toxicity; Hazard class – Sensitizer	Not Applicable	Carbohydazide = PEL: none established	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical NALCO 3D Trasar 3DT185 Phosphoric Acid (60 -100%) *or equivalent*	High toxicity; Hazard class – Corrosive	Not Applicable	Phosphoric acid = PEL: 1 mg/m^3 (TWA) TLV: 1 mg/m^3 (TWA), STEL: 3 mg/m^3	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment

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Water treatment chemical NALCO 3D Trasar 3DT177 *or equivalent* Phosphoric acid (30%)	Moderate toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not Applicable	Phosphoric acid = PEL: 1 mg/m^3 (TWA) TLV: 1 mg/m^3 (TWA), STEL: 3 mg/m^3	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical NALCO 3D Trasar 3DT190 *or equivalent*	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not Applicable	None established for mixture	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical NALCO Acti-Brom (R) 7342 *or equivalent* Sodium bromide	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not Applicable	Sodium bromide = PEL: none established	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical NALCO pHreedom® 5200M *or equivalent* Sodium salt of phosphonomethylated diamine	Low to moderate toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not Applicable	Sodium salt of phosphonomethylated diamine = PEL: none established	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical NALCO PCL-1346	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not Applicable	None established for mixture	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment

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Water treatment chemical NALCO Permacare (R) PC-7408 Sodium bisulfite	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not Applicable	Sodium bisulfite = PEL: none established: TLV: 5 mg/m^3 TWA	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical NALCO BT-3000 *or equivalent* Sodium hydroxide Sodium tripolyphosphate	High toxicity; Hazard class – Corrosive	Not Applicable	Sodium hydroxide = PEL: 2 mg/m^3 Sodium tripolyphosphate = PEL: none established	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Boiler water treatment chemical, pH adjustment Sodium Hydroxide (50%) CAS Number 1310-73-2	High toxicity; Hazard class – Corrosive	1,000 lbs	Sodium hydroxide = PEL: 2 mg/m^3	40,000 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical NALCO 8338 *or equivalent* Sodium nitrite Sodium tolytriazole Sodium hydroxide	Moderate toxicity; Hazard class – Toxic	Not Applicable	Sodium nitrite = PEL: none established Sodium tolytriazole = PEL: none established Sodium hydroxide = PEL: 2 mg/m^3	Plastic totes, 8 x 400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment

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Water treatment chemical 93%-98% sulfuric acid CAS No. 7664-93-9	High toxicity; Hazard class – Corrosive, water reactive	1,000 lbs	PEL: 1 mg/m^3	4,000 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals and secondary containment
Water treatment chemical Sodium Hypochlorite (13% solution) CAS No. 7689-52-9	High toxicity; Hazard class – Poison-B, Corrosive	100 lbs	Workplace Environmental Exposure Limit (WEEL) - STEL: 2 mg/m3 PEL: 0.5 ppm (TWA), STEL: 1 ppm as Chlorine TLV: 1 ppm (TWA), STEL: 3 ppm as Chlorine	4,000 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals
Oxygen Scavenger Reagent Acetic Acid 60% CAS No. 64-19-7 Iodine 20% CAS No. 7553-56-2 De-ionized water 20% CAS No. 7732-18-5	Moderate toxicity; Hazard Class – Corrosive, Irritant	5,000 lbs	PEL: 10 ppm TWA PEL: 0.1 ppm N/A	Minimal onsite storage for water treatment, not expected to exceed 200 lbs	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals

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Boiler water treatment oxygen scavenger Carbohydrazide CAS No. 497-18-7	High toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not applicable	Carbohydazide = PEL: none established	2,400 gallons	Inventory management, isolated from incompatible chemicals
Herbicide Roundup® or equivalent CAS No. 38641-94-0	Low toxicity; Hazard class – Irritant	Not applicable	Isopropylamine salt of glyphosphate = no specific occupational exposure has been established	No onsite storage, brought on site by licensed contractor, used immediately	No excess inventory stored on site
Soil stabilizer Active ingredient: acrylic or vinyl acetate polymer or equivalent CAS No. Active ingredient is 'Not Hazardous'	Non-toxic; Hazard class – NA	Not applicable	None established	No onsite storage, supplied in 55-gallon drums or 400-gallon totes, used immediately	No excess inventory stored on site

[1] CAS No. – Chemical Abstracts Service registry number. This number is unique for each chemical.

[2] Low toxicity is used to describe materials with an NFPA Health rating of 0 or 1. Moderate toxicity is used describe materials with an NFPA rating of 2. High toxicity is used to describe materials with an NFPA rating of 3. Extreme toxicity is used to describe materials with an NFPA rating of 4.

[3] NA denotes materials that do not meet the criteria for any hazard class defined in the 1997 Uniform Fire Code.

[4] RQ - Reportable Quantity for hazardous substance as designated under section 102(a) defined under CERCLA. (To note: As previously discussed in the text, Table 5.6-3 includes those chemicals stored or used in excess of 55 gallons for liquids, 500 pounds for solids, and 200 cubic feet for compressed gases. These quantities coincide with the thresholds for reporting under California's HMBP requirements).

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ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
for the *BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT*

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I, Carl Lindner, declare that on, July 12, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Blythe Solar Power Project Materials:

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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:

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