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PROJECT TITLE: Genesis Solar Energy Project

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone	(760) 863-8886	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Location:	
NAME:	Dr. Alvin Greenberg Staff scientist, Risk Science Assoc.	DATE:	5-12-10
TIME:		TIME:	4:21 p.m.
WITH:	Sonia Cooley, Assistant Fire Marshal, Riverside County Fire Department		
SUBJECT:	Genesis Solar, facility site access, I-10		

The conversation was held at approximately 4:21 pm on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 between Dr. Alvin Greenberg and Asst. Fire Marshal Cooley regarding components of the Genesis Solar Energy Project proceeding (09-AFC-8) related to Worker Safety/Fire Protection.

Assistant Fire Marshall Sonia Cooley of the RCFD called me to discuss the proposed secondary access road into the Genesis Solar Power Plant site. Capt. Jason Neumann of the RCFD had forwarded to her my e-mail of yesterday which proposed a second access road off the main access road no closer than 1000 ft. from the power plant fence line.

Fire Marshall Cooley explained that she was opposed to the concept of a second access road off the main access road. I explained to her that the applicant had stated that a second road from I-10 to the site would go through sensitive habitat, would require extensive and time-consuming environmental assessment, and might not be approved by the BLM. She responded that she would need some proof (such as a letter from BLM) supporting the applicant's contention before she could consider an alternative to providing a second access road directly from I-10 to the site. I committed to getting her that letter or something similar.

We then discussed the reasons why it was important that a separate secondary access road be required. She was concerned that a hazmat spill along I-10 near the Wiley Springs Road (where the Genesis access road would start), the Wiley Springs Road interchange, or the Wiley Springs Road rest area, would close-off all access to the power plant. If a fire, hazmat, or EMS emergency were to occur at the power plant, the RCFD would not be able to travel through a hazmat cloud to gain access to the Genesis site and the power plant would effectively be isolated. If the spilled hazmat vapor cloud were to drift towards the Genesis site, evacuation of power plant personnel would be impossible. We both agreed that this was a realistic scenario that must be addressed.

We also agreed that a solution could be chosen and implemented post-certification by proposing a Condition of Certification. I stated that this approach would not delay the Energy Commission's siting process. The conversation ended with my commitment to provide more information about the ecological sensitivity of the land between I-10 and the Genesis site and other solutions to this access problem.

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