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Seismic Activity

In regards to geothermal and lithium development in the Salton Sea and Imperial Valley, there was no mention of the effects of seismic activity in the draft report. As the proposed Lithium Valley is located on numerous fault lines, such as the San Andreas Fault, the Elsinore Fault, and the newly discovered Salton Trough Fault, I was wondering if there was any consideration about potential impacts of a large earthquake that would devastate future development projects as well as the surrounding communities. Since this is one of the most seismically active regions in all of the United States, I was a bit shocked to find that there was only one mention of earthquakes throughout the report, and it was under the Tribal Perspectives section. I understand that in the report, it was mentioned that infrastructure in the region needed to be improved to support new forms of geothermal and lithium development. I believe that creating and improving infrastructure to mitigate against the potential impacts of earthquakes and seismic activity should also be considered and placed at a high priority as all is for naught if the "big one" strikes. Proper consultation should also be held with the community and Tribes of the region to educate them on seismic activity in the area and how the commission plans to adapt to these natural occurrences and how they plan to safeguard the community.