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## Memorandum

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### **Subject: Revised STACK SVY03A Caterpillar D175 Modeling Summary**

The STACKS SVY03A Data Center Campus is proposing to revise the application by replacing the previously modeled Caterpillar 3512C Tier 4 engine at 2,400 BHP with a smaller Caterpillar D175 Tier 3 diesel engine, rated at 175 BHP. While there will be an emission decrease with the proposed D175 diesel engine, the new proposed engine was modeled to determine if the engine would also result in a decrease in project air quality impacts.

The new proposed engine Caterpillar D175 is shown in Figure 1 along with the replaced Caterpillar 3512C diesel engine. Along with the replacement of engines, the previously existing small data center, called the Ski Lodge, will not be constructed. Instead, a small guard shack is proposed to be located next to the D175 engine.

The potential emissions and stack parameters from the D175 engine is included as an attachment to the memorandum. There is a decrease in criteria pollutant emissions from the D175 engine as compared to the 3512C. This also implies a decrease in diesel particulate matter.

Both the proposed D175 and 3512C engines were modeled as separate source groups with the most recent version of AERMOD. No changes to the receptor grids, meteorology or other existing sources were made. The revised modeling only evaluated the two engines as separate sources so the modeling results could be compared against each other. The revised modeling results are presented in Table 1 along with the difference between the modeled source groups (engines). The results indicate a decrease in concentrations for both the NO<sub>2</sub> (1-hour and annual) and CO results (both 1 and 8-hour). There was a small increase in the modeled concentration for both the 24-hour and annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations but the increase is much less than the established significance thresholds for these pollutants. Additionally, the project impacts for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> based on the previous modeling of the entire project were also less than the applicable SILs of 5 and 1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for PM<sub>10</sub> and 0.2 and 1.2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. And the previous project health risk assessment (HRA) was also far below the 10 in a million SIL at 0.0523 in a million (sensitive receptor) and 0.0824 at the worker receptor.

Based on the comparison of the modeling results for the two engines, the replacement of the Caterpillar 3512C engine with the D175 will not result in any meaningful changes to the proposed project and thus, the project will not contribute to any exceedances of the ambient air quality standards or health risk thresholds.

**Table 1 AERMOD Modeling Results**

<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Averaging Period – Rank</b>	<b>D175 (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>3512C (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Difference (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	1-hr CAAQS (highest)	110.8528	138.7179	-27.8651
	1-hr NAAQS (98th percentile)	0.9239	1.5903	-0.6664
	Annual Maximum	0.0427	0.0583	-0.0156
<b>CO</b>	1-hr (highest)	134.9040	408.2242	-273.3203
	8-hr (highest)	9.8221	14.9171	-5.0950
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	24-hr (highest)	0.1810	0.0333	0.1477
	24-hr (6th highest)	0.1285	0.0195	0.1091
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	24-hr (98th percentile)	0.0597	0.0135	0.0462
	5-year average annual	0.0023	0.0007	0.0016

Figure 1



**Table AQ1-3 Emissions Estimates for Emergency Standby Generators**

Engine Data			Use Area: Ski Lodge Bldg										METRIC UNITS			NOx		
Engine Mfg:	CAT	# of Units:	1	Max # of Engines Tested per Day:						1	# Redundant Engines:		0	Stack Flow,		Stack Vel,	Stack Temp,	
Model #:	D175	(engines are not tested concurrently)												Emer Ops Engines:	1			
Fuel:	ULSD																	
Fuel S, %wt:	0.0015	BHP	kWe	Load %	RPM	Fuel, gph	Stk Ht, ft	Stk Diam, in	Stk Temp, F	mmbtu/hr	ACFM	f/s	Stk Diam, m	Kelvins	Stk Vel, m/s	lb/hr		
Fuel wt, lb/gal:	7.05	235	175	100	1800	13.5	9	6	948	1.85	1229	104.3205	0.1524	782.04	31.7969	1.468		
Btu/gal:	137000																	
Lbs S/1000 gal:	0.10575																	
Lbs SO2/1000 gal:	0.2115																	
EPA Tier:	3																	
Control System:	Design compliance with Tier 3 Stds.																	
Turbocharged:	Yes	Stack Exit Area (sq.ft) = 0.19635																
Aftercooled:	Yes																	
Fuel Tank Cap.	400	gals																
<b>Scenarios</b>			<b>Emissions Factor Scenarios (all values in g/bhp-hr)</b>							<b>CO2e</b>								
			<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>lb/mmbtu</b>									
Emergency Ops, 100 hrs/yr, T3 Compliant EFs, 100% Load			2.834	2.6	0.149	0.005	0.15	0.15	163.052									
Maint/Readiness Testing, 50 hrs/yr, T3 Compliant EFs, 100% Load			2.834	2.6	0.149	0.005	0.15	0.15	163.052									
<b>Controlled Emissions Factor Scenarios (all values in g/bhp-hr)</b>			<b>CO2e</b>															
			<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>lb/mmbtu</b>									
Emergency Ops, 100 hrs/yr, T3 Compliant EFs, 100% Load			2.834	2.600	0.149	0.005	0.150	0.150	163.052									
Maint/Readiness Testing, 50 hrs/yr, T3 Compliant EFs, 100% Load			2.834	2.600	0.149	0.005	0.150	0.150	163.052									
<b>Scenario 1: Emergency Ops, 100 hrs/yr, T3 Compliant EFs, 100% Load</b>																		
Max Hourly Runtime:	1																	
Max Daily Runtime:	24																	
Max Annual Runtime:	100																	
			<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Single Engine</b>				<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>							
		lbs/hr	1.468	1.347	0.077	0.003	0.078	0.078	0.078	na								
		lbs/day	35.238	32.329	1.853	0.062	1.865	1.865	1.865	na								
		TPY	0.073	0.067	0.004	0.000	0.004	0.004	0.004	15.1								
			<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>All Engines</b>				<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>							
		lbs/hr	1.47	1.35	0.08	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.08	na								
		lbs/day	35.24	32.33	1.85	0.06	1.87	1.87	1.87	na								
		TPY	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.000	0.004	0.004	0.004	15.08								
<b>Scenario 2: Maint/Readiness Testing, 50 hrs/yr, T3 Compliant EFs, 100% Load</b>																		
Max Hourly Runtime:	1																	
Max Daily Runtime:	1																	
Max Annual Runtime:	50																	
			<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Single Engine</b>				<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>							
		lbs/hr	1.468	1.347	0.077	0.003	0.078	0.078	0.078	na								
		lbs/day	1.468	1.347	0.077	0.003	0.078	0.078	0.078	na								
		TPY	0.037	0.034	0.002	0.0001	0.002	0.002	0.002	7.5								
			<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>1 Engine</b>				<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>							
		lbs/hr	1.468	1.347	0.077	0.003	0.078	0.078	0.078	na								
		lbs/day	1.468	1.347	0.077	0.003	0.078	0.078	0.078	na								
			<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>All Engines</b>				<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>							
		TPY	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.0001	0.002	0.002	0.002	7.54								
<b>BAAQMD 150 Hrs/Yr Emissions Totals, TPY:</b>			<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>									
			0.110	0.101	0.006	0.0002	0.006	0.006	22.6									

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Engine Data				Emissions Factor Scenarios (all values in g/bhp-hr)							METRIC UNITS			NOx				
Fuel S, %wt:	BHP	kWe	Load %	RPM	Fuel, gph	Stk Ht, ft	Stk Diam, in	Stk Temp, F	mmbtu/hr	ACFM	f/s	Stk Diam, m	Kelvins	Stk Vel, m/s	lb/hr			
Engine Mfg: CAT	# of Units: 1	Use Area: Ski Lodge Bldg							Max # of Engines Tested per Day: 1	# Redundant Engines: 0								
Model #: 3512C								(engines are not tested concurrently)	Emer Ops Engines: 1									
Fuel: ULSD																		
Fuel S, %wt: 0.0015	2400	1750	100	1800	109.4	36	16	820.4	14.99	12943.5	154.5017	0.4064	711.15	47.0921	8.069			
Fuel wt, lb/gal: 7.05	1799	1200	75	1800	86.1	36	16	819.4	-	10575.9	126.2405	0.4064	710.59	38.4781	6.048			
Btu/gal: 137000	1237	800	50	1800	63.8	36	16	813.5	-	8410	100.3870	0.4064	707.32	30.598	4.159			
Lbs S/1000 gal: 0.10575	1012	640	40	1800	54.6	36	16	805.6	-	7410.8	88.4599	0.4064	702.93	26.9626	3.402			
Lbs SO2/1000 gal: 0.2115																		
EPA Tier: 2																		
Control System: SCR + DPF to Meet T4																		
Turbocharged: Yes								Stack Exit Area (sq.ft) = 1.396263										
Aftercooled: Yes																		
<b>Scenarios</b>				<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>			<b>lb/mmbtu</b>					
Emergency Ops, 100 hrs/yr, Tier 4 Controlled EFs, 100% Load				0.5	2.6	0.14	0.005	0.02	0.02	163.052								
Maint/Readiness Testing, 50 hrs/yr, T2/T4 SU Adjusted EFs, 100% Load				1.53	2.6	0.14	0.005	0.02	0.02	163.052								
0.25 hr Uncontrolled, Tier 2 Stds Efs, 100% Load, w/DPF				4.6							163.052							
0.75 hr Controlled, T4 Efs, 100% Load, w/DPF				0.5							163.052							
<b>Controlled Emissions Factor Scenarios (all values in g/bhp-hr)</b>				<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>			<b>lb/mmbtu</b>					
Emergency Ops, 100 hrs/yr, Tier 4 Controlled EFs, 100% Load				0.500	2.600	0.140	0.005	0.020	0.020	163.052								
Maint/Readiness Testing, 50 hrs/yr, T2/T4 SU Adjusted EFs, 100% Load				1.53	2.600	0.140	0.005	0.020	0.020	163.052								
<b>Scenario 1: Emergency Ops, 100 hrs/yr, Tier 4 Controlled EFs, 100% Load</b>																		
Max Hourly Runtime:	1																	
Max Daily Runtime:	24																	
Max Annual Runtime:	100																	
		<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>										
	lbs/hr	2.646	13.757	0.741	0.026	0.106	0.106	na										
	lbs/day	63.493	330.166	17.778	0.635	2.540	2.540	na										
	TPY	0.132	0.688	0.037	0.001	0.005	0.005	122.2										
		<b>All Engines</b>																
		<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>										
	lbs/hr	2.65	13.76	0.74	0.03	0.11	0.11	na										
	lbs/day	63.49	330.17	17.78	0.63	2.54	2.54	na										
	TPY	0.13	0.69	0.04	0.001	0.005	0.005	122.19										
<b>Scenario 2: Maint/Readiness Testing, 50 hrs/yr, T2/T4 SU Adjusted EFs, 100% Load</b>																		
Max Hourly Runtime:	1																	
Max Daily Runtime:	1																	
Max Annual Runtime:	50																	
		<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>										
	lbs/hr	8.069	13.757	0.741	0.026	0.106	0.106	na										
	lbs/day	8.069	13.757	0.741	0.026	0.106	0.106	na										
	TPY	0.202	0.344	0.019	0.0007	0.003	0.003	61.1										
		<b>1 Engine</b>																
		<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>										
	lbs/hr	8.069	13.757	0.741	0.026	0.106	0.106	na										
	lbs/day	8.069	13.757	0.741	0.026	0.106	0.106	na										
		<b>All Engines</b>																
	TPY	0.20	0.34	0.02	0.001	0.003	0.003	61.09										
<b>BAAQMD 150 Hrs/Yr Emissions Totals, TPY:</b>				<b>NOx</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>VOC</b>	<b>SO2</b>	<b>PM10</b>	<b>PM2.5</b>	<b>CO2e</b>								
				0.334	1.032	0.056	0.002	0.008	0.008	183.3								