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Subject: **ALAMITOS ENERGY CENTER (13-AFC-01) STATUS REPORT 1**

On May 6, 2014, the Alamos Energy Center Committee issued a Scheduling Order requiring a status report August 1, 2014. This status report responds to the Committee's request.

PSA Preparation

Staff is continuing to prepare the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) while reviewing the Application for Certification (AFC) and subsequent filings. Staff filed Data Requests Set 1 on April 25, 2014, Data Requests Set 2 on June 25, 2014, and Data Requests Set 3 on July 29.

On May 15, 2014, the applicant filed a letter to extend the data response deadline by 90 days for Data Request Set 1, which is the same date the Committee has scheduled PSA publication. The applicant formally objected to several of staff's data requests: Biological Resources 28-37, Cultural Resources 45-47, and Hazardous Materials Management 49-50. Staff is working with the applicant to clarify the scope of these data requests. The applicant provided Data Responses to Data Requests 1- 8, 10-12, 16-17, 20-25, 27, 38-43, 51-54, and 59-62 on June 27, 2014, for Data Requests Set 1. On July 15, 2014, the applicant filed a letter for additional time, and formally objected to staff's Data Requests Set 2, Traffic and Transportation/Worker Safety Data Request numbers 66 and part of 65. On July 25, 2014, the applicant verbally requested an additional week to provide Data Responses for Data Requests Set 2, numbers 64 Land Use and 65-68 Traffic and Transportation/Worker Safety.

Future Staff Workshops

At this time, no workshops are planned until outstanding data responses are received.

Developments That Could Impact the Existing AFC Schedule

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) was scheduled to issue a Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) on July 10. However, due to their need for additional air modeling information from the applicant, the SCAQMD now estimates the PDOC filing date will be August or September 2014.

Despite the challenges associated with delayed receipt of necessary information, staff continues to work on production of the PSA. However, without the necessary information, especially the PDOC, staff will not be able to meet the current committee schedule. Staff now proposes the PSA publication date be 45 days after the PDOC is issued.