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On October 1, 2014, the Alamos Energy Center (AEC) Committee Hearing Advisor Ken Celli issued a memo extending the filing date for the October Status Reports to November 1, 2014, and thereafter on the 15th of each month until the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) for the project is published. To date, neither the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) nor the FSA have been published, and this Status Report responds to the Committee's and Hearing Advisor's direction.

PSA Preparation

Staff is continuing to prepare the AEC Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) while reviewing the Application for Certification (AFC) and subsequent filings. Since the previous status report on August 1, 2014, staff has filed Data Requests Set 4, numbers 71-75 pertaining to the technical area of Project Alternatives, on August 14, 2014, and Data Requests Set 5, numbers 76-82, pertaining to the technical area of Waste Management, on September 5, 2014.

The applicant provided Data Responses to Data Requests 45-48 on August 12, 2014, and on August 25, 2014 requested an additional 90 days to respond to Data Requests 9, 13-15, 18-19, 48, 55-58 and 63. Also on August 25, 2014, the applicant provided Data Responses to Data Requests Set 3, numbers 69-70. On September 2, 2014, the applicant submitted a request for 90 days additional time to respond to Data Requests 71-75 of Set 4, and on September 25, 2014 filed an objection to Data Requests 76-81 of Set 5, relating to Waste Management. Staff is working to clarify the scope of these data requests to the applicant in an effort to obtain the needed information and continue progress on the PSA.

Future Staff Workshops

At this time, no workshops are planned until outstanding data responses (Data Requests sets 4 and 5) are received.

Developments That Could Impact the Existing AFC Schedule

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) was expected 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 in late November 2014.

Despite the challenges associated with delayed receipt of necessary information, staff continues to work on production of the PSA. Staff now proposes the PSA publication date be 45 days after the PDOC is issued.