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

Energy Commission staff is currently reviewing the Supplemental Application for Certification (SAFC) for the Alamos Energy Center (AEC) filed by AES on October 26, 2015.

On November 30, 2015, Energy Commission staff docketed the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) letter, dated November 20, 2015, notifying AES that their October 23, 2015 application package was deemed incomplete. The letter provided AES with specific information required before the SCAQMD would issue a completeness letter for the proposed project. The SCAQMD will resume work on the AEC application once the requested information has been received. The missing information relative to the revised project described in the SAFC will potentially delay the issuance of the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) by the SCAQMD and impact staff's ability to complete technical sections of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) dependent on information found in the PDOC.

Staff filed the first set of data requests for the SAFC (Data Request Set 6 for AEC) on November 30, 2015 with requests in the technical areas of Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Hazardous Materials Management, Noise and Vibration, Project Description, Traffic and Transportation, Transmission System Engineering and Worker Safety/Fire Protection. AES committed to completing the data responses on December 11, 2015; however, some responses took longer, and the data responses were filed electronically late on December 14th. Staff received the majority of the data responses at 9:00 a.m. on December 15, 2015 and started their review; however, specific information requested on 11 x 17 inch paper and air quality spreadsheets is scheduled to be filed later today. With the change in the site to an approximately 21-acre subarea of a larger 71.1-acre parcel, rather than the originally proposed 63-acre site, staff may need to prepare additional data requests to understand how the new proposed site will be developed in a single legal parcel. Staff is proceeding with the scheduled Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop immediately following the scheduled committee conference on December 17, 2015.

Staff continues working on updating or rewriting PSA sections prepared as part of the original AFC process. Staff new to the project conducted a site visit on December 3, 2015, with a focus on site access and traffic.