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# Memorandum

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**Subject:** **ALAMITOS ENERGY CENTER (13-AFC-01) STATUS REPORT 14**

Energy Commission staff continues reviewing the data responses to Data Request Set 6 for the Supplemental Application for Certification (SAFC) for the Alamos Energy Center (AEC) filed by AES on December 15, 2015. Staff held the scheduled Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop immediately following the committee conference on December 17, 2015. Due to the size of the response package, staff was not able to review all the responses in detail prior to the December 17<sup>th</sup> workshop; however, staff and the applicant worked together to address as many issues as possible. Energy Commission staff continues to work with the applicant on clarifying technical details from those responses, especially in the technical area of Traffic and Transportation. With the number of issues resolved both during and after the December 17<sup>th</sup> workshop, Energy Commission staff only intends on filing one additional data request at this time, on thermal plume modeling, on January 15, 2016. Nonetheless, staff may have additional requests in the technical area of Air Quality as the modeling data docketed by the applicant on January 11, 2016 is reviewed and additional information is received from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

The SCAQMD requested additional clarification on the application for AEC from AES in an email on December 18, 2015, and AES provided a letter with responses dated January 7, 2016. The SCAQMD issued a completeness letter for AEC on January 14, 2016 and previously indicated a willingness to compress the normal 180-day timeline for the issuance of the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) to 120 days after the issuance of the completeness letter. Energy Commission staff will continue to work with the SCAQMD to identify potential avenues to expedite staff's review of air quality impacts and development of mitigation in advance of receiving the PDOC.

Staff also continues working on updating or rewriting Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) sections prepared as part of the original AFC process.