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December 12, 2016

Mr. David Coleman

**SUBJECT: BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT (79-AFC-04C)
RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Thank you for speaking with me on October 6, 2016 and for your October 18, 2016 filed comments (TN 214091) regarding your concerns with Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant (BRP). The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) understands that your main concern is the amount of chemicals stored at the BRP site.

Subsequent to our October 6, 2016 phone call, California Energy Commission staff (staff) visited the BRP site on October 10, 2016 to verify the amount of stored chemicals and perform a general site inspection. The chemical inventory onsite was compared to the list submitted to Lake County Environmental Health Department. All chemicals onsite were found to be in compliance with the county list.

Your comments also mentioned that you saw 24-55 gallon drums and 29-275 gallon totes. During the site inspection by staff, approximately 60 drums and totes were onsite and stacked outside of the main building. All of these drums and totes are empty and have been triple rinsed and labeled as empty. The project owner is in the process of sending the drums and totes to the vendor they were purchased from.

You also asked about storm water runoff from the plant. As we discussed in our October 6, 2016 phone call you were referring to storm water runoff in your comment letter. All of the storm water runoff is channeled to the large cistern that you identified in your letter. As you also identified, the runoff is then routed into a working steam well.


You also inquired about documents concerning decommissioning of the plant. The plant is still in operational status, but is not producing power at this time. The Energy Commission has not been informed by BRP of a potential sale of the plant. If and when that comes to our attention, all documents could be found on the plants docket list available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=79-AFC-04C>.

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December 9, 2016
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Staff has determined that BRP is in compliance with all of the applicable Conditions of Certification found in the Final Decision.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-7181, or e-mail at bboyer@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Boyer", is centered below the word "Sincerely,".

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