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# NOTICE OF DECISION by the CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

**To:** California Resources Agency  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Energy Commission  
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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21080.5 and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1768

**Project Name:** Argus Cogeneration Expansion (ACE) Project

**Energy Commission Docket Number:** 86-AFC-1C

**Energy Commission Contact Person:** Mary Dyas **Phone #:** (916) 651-8891

**Project Location:** Northwest side of Searles Lake in Trona, California

**Project Description:**

A 100-MW coal-fired circulating fluidized bed cogeneration project owned by the ACE Cogeneration Company, LP. The project was certified by the Energy Commission on January 8, 1988 and began commercial operation in January 1991. The power plant ceased operations on October 2, 2014 and was placed in a long-term outage condition.

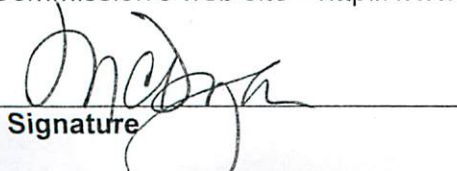
**Modification Description:**

Request to remove all remaining open conditions related to decommissioning of the facility and to terminate Energy Commission jurisdiction over the ACE project. San Bernardino County will assume jurisdiction over the project in its current condition and oversee future demolition and site re-development.

On **August 1, 2018**, the California Energy Commission approved the above-described project termination pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary of Resources under section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code, finding that:

- The facility is no longer an operating power plant with facility equipment either scheduled for future demolition or repurposing;
- San Bernardino County is willing and able to take over jurisdiction of the facility and oversee future site redevelopment;
- There is no apparent environmental or health and safety risk that would warrant the Energy Commission to retain jurisdiction over future equipment demolition as the site is redeveloped; and
- The Petition to Terminate proposes no direct or indirect physical changes to the ACE facility and therefore would not be a project under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15378).

The Commission's docket files containing the Energy Commission's Final Decision and other information regarding the project are open to the public at: California Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. This information is also available on the Energy Commission's web site—<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/alphabetical.html>.

  
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