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Subject: RE: California Public Resources Code Section 25519.5 California Military Land Use Compatibility Notification

**Date:** Friday, April 19, 2024 10:24:54 AM

Mr. Gamelin,

I am following up on three project notification letters submitted February 12, 2024, on behalf of my client, BHE Renewables and their project entities Black Rock Geothermal LLC, Elmore North Geothermal LLC, and Morton Bay Geothermal LLC. The letters are regarding three geothermal power projects (summing to 357 net megawatts) located southeast of the Salton Sea in Imperial County, California.

The three proposed geothermal power plants are located near or adjacent to existing and comparable geothermal power facilities outputting 345 megawatts. The new facilities would not cause new visual/aviation impacts that are not currently present in the proximal area. If U.S. Marine Corps has comments or questions regarding the proposed construction and operation of the proposed geothermal power plants, I would be pleased to arrange a call to discuss. Please let me know.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** California Public Resources Code Section 25519.5 California Military Land Use Compatibility Notification

Dear Dr. David Bell, Mr. Mark Mahoney, Ms. Anna Shepherd, and AC/S G-7 of the U.S. Marine Corps,

On behalf of Black Rock Geothermal LLC, Elmore North Geothermal LLC, and Morton Bay Geothermal LLC, I am submitting the attached California Military land use compatibility notifications, as required California Public Resources Code Section 25519.5, for the Black

Rock Geothermal Project, Elmore North Geothermal Project, Morton Bay Geothermal Project. These projects are generally located in unincorporated Imperial County, adjacent to the southern shore of the Salton Sea. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Anoop Sukumaran at (760) 348-4275 or <a href="mailto:Anoop.Sukumaran@calenergy.com">Anoop.Sukumaran@calenergy.com</a>.

Respectfully,

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April 4, 2024

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Dear Mr. Salamy,

As requested, the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse coordinated within the Department of Defense (DoD) an informal review of the Morton Bay Geothermal Project. The results of our review indicated that the geothermal project, located in Imperial County, California, as proposed, may have an impact on military operations conducted in the area.

The proposed siting location of the geothermal project may impact United States Marine Corps low-level flight traffic in Special Use Airspace. Please contact Mr. John Gamelin (john.j.gamelin@usmc.mil), Deputy G-7, Governmental and External Affairs, MCIWEST, to discuss this proposal.

Please note that this informal review by the DoD Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse does not constitute an action under 49 United States Code Section 44718 and that the DoD is not bound by the conclusion arrived at under this informal review. To expedite our review in the Obstruction Evaluation Airport Airspace Analysis (OE/AAA) process, please add the project number 2024-03-GT-DEV-09 in the comments section of the filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at robbin.e.beard.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

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