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1516 Ninth Street
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09-RENEW EO-1

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am submitting the attached comments on the *Best Management Practices & Guidance Manual: Desert Renewable Energy Projects* on behalf of the Department of Defense (DoD) Region IX Wind Working Group. I submitted the comments via email on 20 November 2009.

Sincerely,

A. M. Parisi, PE
Head, Sustainability Office
By Direction of the Commander

Enclosure: (1) Department of Defense Comments

Department of Defense Comments
Draft Best Management Practices and Guidance Manual

Page 2, lines 38-39 and Page 8, lines 32-33. Recommend amending as follows:

All of the requirements of the Department of Defense and nearby military installations have been addressed and incorporated into a project's design, *ensuring that the project will not conflict with military operations.*

Page 10, lines 20-22. Comment: The potential shuttering of the Office of Planning and Research presents a problem for effective coordination with the Department of Defense. It may be necessary to designate a follow-on agency for such activities, perhaps specifying the agency and its role vis-à-vis the military in statute.

Page 21, lines 33-35. Suggest changing to read "Consult with representatives from the appropriate military installation for projects to be located under *low-level military airspace.*"

Page 47, lines 4-8. Suggest changing to read "Avoid or mitigate impacts to *low-level military airspace.*" Also, "appropriate military representative" is not very specific for a potential applicant – we could specify the points of contact for SB 1468 mapping, which are at:

http://www.opr.ca.gov/military/docs/Military_Mailing_Addresses_SB1462.pdf)

Page 68: Suggest including a description of the July 2008 DoD-BLM review protocol. It can be found at http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/proq/energy/wind_energy.html

Page 69: Consider inclusion of information on the notification and mapping requirements of SB 1462, and the role that OPR plays in supporting this notification. This website describes the requirements:

<http://www.opr.ca.gov/index.php?a=military/military.html#dpn>

The BMPs could also provide a link to the mapping tool supported by the Natural Resources Agency:

<http://sample1.casil.ucdavis.edu/Calmap8/>