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Applicant respectfully submits these Proposed Conditions of Certification for consideration by the Commission.

As a general statement, Applicant maintains that conditions that require separate approvals of post-certification compliance activities by both BLM and the CPM are simply unworkable. If the approval is sequential, it will result in doubling the required approval time for everything. If the approval is concurrent, approvals may be potentially conflicting. Applicant proposes that in all conditions, even where Staff and Applicant are in agreement as to the substantive provisions, that the term "BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM", or variations thereof, be replaced with the term "Approving Authority." The terms of which agency will constitute the "Approving Authority" for the particular Condition of Certification should be set forth in a separate Memorandum of Understanding between the BLM and the CEC. Additionally, it is imperative that specific timeframes for approval be included in the Conditions so that the Project will not be unnecessarily delayed.

For reasons that are described more fully in Applicant's accompanying Opening Brief, Applicant proposes the following language for those conditions for which Staff and Applicant were unable to reach agreement. These conditions are: BIO-14, BIO-17, BIO-18, BIO-20, LAND-1, TSE-5, and VIS-2. In addition, Applicant proposes the deletion of only two conditions: TRANS-4 and REC-1.

During this proceeding, Applicant and Staff have worked diligently to revise and reach agreement on the provisions of Staff's recommended Conditions of Certification. With the exception of the conditions noted above, it is Applicant's belief that Staff and Applicant are in agreement as to the remaining Proposed Conditions of Certification. This agreement is reflected in the Conditions of Certification provided below.

Finally, we encourage the Committee to move implementing language from the Conditions to the Verification wherever possible to avoid unnecessary Post-Certification amendments.

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**I. AIR QUALITY**

**A. AQ-SC1**

**AQ-SC1** Air Quality Construction Mitigation Manager (AQCMM): The project owner shall designate and retain an on-site AQCMM who shall be responsible for directing and documenting compliance with Conditions of Certification **AQ-SC3**, **AQ-SC4** and **AQ-SC5** for the entire project site and linear facility construction. The on-site AQCMM may delegate responsibilities to one or more AQCMM Delegates. The AQCMM and AQCMM Delegates shall have full access to all areas of construction on the project site and linear facilities, and shall have the authority to stop any or all construction activities as warranted by applicable construction mitigation conditions. The AQCMM and AQCMM Delegates may have other responsibilities in addition to those described in this condition. The AQCMM shall not be terminated without written consent of the Compliance Project Manager (CPM).

Verification: At least 60 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit to the BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM for approval, the name, resume, qualifications, and contact information for the on-site AQCMM and all AQCMM Delegates.

**B. AQ-SC2**

**AQ-SC2** Air Quality Construction Mitigation Plan (AQCMP): The project owner shall provide an AQCMP, for approval, which details the steps that will be taken and the reporting requirements necessary to ensure compliance with Conditions of Certification **AQ-SC3**, **AQ-SC4**, and **AQ-SC5**.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to the start of any ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit the AQCMP to the BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM for approval. The AQCMP shall include effectiveness and environmental data for the proposed soil stabilizer. The BLM's Authorized Officer or CPM will notify the project owner of any necessary modifications to the plan within 30 days from the date of receipt.

**C. AQ-SC3**

**AQ-SC3** Construction Fugitive Dust Control: The AQCMM shall submit documentation to the BLM's Authorized Officer

and CPM in each Monthly Compliance Report that demonstrates compliance with the Air Quality Construction Mitigation Plan (AQCMP) mitigation measures for the purposes of preventing all fugitive dust plumes from leaving the project. Any deviation from the AQCMP mitigation measures shall require prior BLM Authorized Officer and CPM notification and approval.

Verification: The AQCMM shall provide the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a Monthly Compliance Report (COMPLIANCE-6) to include the following to demonstrate control of fugitive dust emissions:

- A. a summary of all actions taken to maintain compliance with this condition;
- B. copies of any complaints filed with the District in relation to project construction; and
- C. any other documentation deemed necessary by the BLM Authorized Officer, CPM, and AQCMM to verify compliance with this condition. Such information may be provided via electronic format or disk at the project owner's discretion.

1. The following fugitive dust mitigation measures shall be included in the Air Quality Construction Mitigation Plan (AQCMP) required by **AQ-SC2**.
  - a. The main access roads through the facility to the power block areas will be either paved or stabilized using soil binders, or equivalent methods, to provide a stabilized surface that is similar for the purposes of dust control to paving, that may or may not include a crushed rock (gravel or similar material with fines removed) top layer, prior to initiating construction in the main power block area, and delivery areas for operations materials (chemicals, replacement parts, etc.) will be paved prior to taking initial deliveries.
  - b. All unpaved construction roads and unpaved operational site roads, as they are being constructed, shall be stabilized with a non-toxic soil stabilizer or soil weighting agent that can be determined to be both as efficient or more efficient for fugitive dust control as ARB approved

soil stabilizers, and shall not increase any other environmental impacts including loss of vegetation. All other disturbed areas in the project and linear construction sites shall be watered as frequently as necessary during grading; and after active construction activities shall be stabilized with a non-toxic soil stabilizer or soil weighting agent, or alternative approved soil stabilizing methods, in order to comply with the dust mitigation objectives of Condition of Certification **AQ-SC4**. The frequency of watering can be reduced or eliminated during periods of precipitation.

- c. No vehicle shall exceed 10 miles per hour on unpaved areas within the construction site, with the exception that vehicles may travel up to 25 miles per hour on stabilized unpaved roads as long as such speeds do not create visible dust emissions.
- d. Visible speed limit signs shall be posted at the construction site entrances.
- e. All construction equipment vehicle tires shall be inspected and washed as necessary to be cleaned free of dirt prior to entering paved roadways.
- f. Gravel ramps of at least 20 feet in length must be provided at the tire washing/cleaning station.
- g. All unpaved exits from the construction site shall be graveled or treated to prevent track-out to public roadways.
- h. All construction vehicles shall enter the construction site through the treated entrance roadways, unless an alternative route has been submitted to and approved by the CPM and BLM Authorized Officer.
- i. Construction areas adjacent to any paved roadway below the grade of the surrounding construction area or otherwise directly impacted by sediment from site drainage shall be provided with sandbags or other equivalently effective

measures to prevent run-off to roadways, or other similar run-off control measures as specified in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), only when such SWPPP measures are necessary so that this condition does not conflict with the requirements of the SWPPP.

- j. All paved roads within the construction site shall be swept at least twice daily or as needed (or less during periods of precipitation) on days when construction activity occurs to prevent the accumulation of dirt and debris.
- k. At least the first 500 feet of any paved public roadway exiting the construction site or exiting other unpaved roads en route from the construction site or construction staging areas shall be swept at least twice daily as needed (or less during periods of precipitation) on days when construction activity occurs or on any other day when dirt or runoff resulting from the construction site activities is visible on the public paved roadways.
- l. All soil storage piles and disturbed areas that remain inactive for longer than 10 days shall be covered, or shall be treated with appropriate dust suppressant compounds.
- m. All vehicles that are used to transport solid bulk material on public roadways and that have potential to cause visible emissions shall be provided with a cover, or the materials shall be sufficiently wetted and loaded onto the trucks in a manner to provide at least one foot of freeboard.
- n. Wind erosion control techniques (such as windbreaks, water, chemical dust suppressants, and/or vegetation) shall be used on all construction areas that may be disturbed. Any windbreaks installed to comply with this condition shall remain in place until the soil is stabilized or permanently covered with vegetation.

**D. AQ-SC4**

**AQ-SC4 Dust Plume Response Requirement:** The AQCMM or an AQCMM Delegate shall monitor all construction activities for visible dust plumes. Observations of visible dust plumes that have the potential to be transported (A) off the project site and within 400 feet upwind of any regularly occupied structures not owned by the project owner or (B) 200 feet beyond the centerline of the construction of linear facilities indicate that existing mitigation measures are not resulting in effective mitigation. The AQCMP shall include a section detailing how the additional mitigation measures will be accomplished within the time limits specified. The AQCMM or Delegate shall implement the following procedures for additional mitigation measures in the event that such visible dust plumes are observed:

Step 1: The AQCMM or Delegate shall direct more intensive application of the existing mitigation methods within 15 minutes of making such a determination.

Step 2: The AQCMM or Delegate shall direct implementation of additional methods of dust suppression if Step 1, specified above, fails to result in adequate mitigation within 30 minutes of the original determination.

Step 3: The AQCMM or Delegate shall direct a temporary shutdown of the activity causing the emissions if Step 2, specified above, fails to result in effective mitigation within one hour of the original determination. The activity shall not restart until the AQCMM or Delegate is satisfied that appropriate additional mitigation or other site conditions have changed so that visual dust plumes will not result upon restarting the shutdown source. The owner/operator may appeal to the CPM or BLM Authorized Officer any directive from the AQCMM or Delegate to shut down an activity, if the shutdown shall go into effect within one hour of the original determination, unless overruled by the CPM or BLM Authorized Officer before that time.

Verification: The AQCMM shall provide the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a Monthly Compliance Report (COMPLIANCE-6) to include:

- A. a summary of all actions taken to maintain compliance with this condition;
- B. copies of any complaints filed with the District in relation to project construction;

- C. and any other documentation deemed necessary by the CPM and AQCMM to verify compliance with this condition. Such information may be provided via electronic format or disk at the project owner's discretion.

**E. AQ-SC5**

**AQ-SC5 Diesel-Fueled Engine Control:** The AQCMM shall submit to the CPM, in the Monthly Compliance Report, a construction mitigation report that demonstrates compliance with the Air Quality Construction Mitigation Plan (AQCMP) mitigation measures for purposes of controlling diesel construction-related emissions. Any deviation from the AQCMP mitigation measures shall require prior CPM notification and approval.

Verification: The AQCMM shall include in the Monthly Compliance Report (COMPLIANCE-6) the following to demonstrate control of diesel construction-related emissions:

- A. A summary of all actions taken to maintain compliance with this condition;
- B. A list of all heavy equipment used on site during that month, including the owner of that equipment and a letter from each owner indicating that equipment has been properly maintained; and
- C. Any other documentation deemed necessary by the CPM, and the AQCMM to verify compliance with this condition. Such information may be provided via electronic format or disk at the project owner's discretion.

The following off-road diesel construction equipment mitigation measures shall be included in the Air Quality Construction Mitigation Plan (AQCMP) required by AQ-SC2.

- a. All diesel-fueled engines used in the construction of the facility shall have clearly visible tags issued by the on-site AQCMM showing that the engine meets the conditions set forth herein.
- b. All construction diesel engines with a rating of 50 hp or higher shall meet, at a minimum, the Tier 3

California Emission Standards for Off-Road Compression-Ignition Engines, as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 13, section 2423(b)(1), unless a good faith effort to the satisfaction of the CPM that is certified by the on-site AQCMM demonstrates that such engine is not available for a particular item of equipment. In the event that a Tier 3 engine is not available for any off-road equipment larger than 100 hp, that equipment shall be equipped with a Tier 2 engine, or an engine that is equipped with retrofit controls to reduce exhaust emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and diesel particulate matter (DPM) to no more than Tier 2 levels unless certified by engine manufacturers or the on-site AQCMM that the use of such devices is not practical for specific engine types. For purposes of this condition, the use of such devices is “not practical” for the following, as well as other, reasons.

1. There is no available retrofit control device that has been verified by either the California Air Resources Board or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to control the engine in question to Tier 2 equivalent emission levels and the highest level of available control using retrofit or Tier 1 engines is being used for the engine in question; or
  2. The construction equipment is intended to be on site for 5 days or less.
  3. The CPM may grant relief from this requirement if the AQCMM can demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with this requirement and that compliance is not practical.
- c. The use of a retrofit control device may be terminated immediately, provided that the CPM is informed within 10 working days of the termination and that a replacement for the equipment item in question meeting the controls required in item “b” occurs within 10 days of termination of the use, if the equipment would be needed to continue working at this site for more than 15 days after the use of the

retrofit control device is terminated, if one of the following conditions exists :

1. The use of the retrofit control device is excessively reducing the normal availability of the construction equipment due to increased down time for maintenance, and/or reduced power output due to an excessive increase in back pressure.
  2. The retrofit control device is causing or is reasonably expected to cause engine damage.
  3. The retrofit control device is causing or is reasonably expected to cause a substantial risk to workers or the public.
  4. Any other seriously detrimental cause which has the approval of the CPM prior to implementation of the termination.
- d. All heavy earth-moving equipment and heavy duty construction-related trucks with engines meeting the requirements of (b) above shall be properly maintained and the engines tuned to the engine manufacturer's specifications.
- e. All diesel heavy construction equipment shall not idle for more than five minutes. Vehicles that need to idle as part of their normal operation (such as concrete trucks) are exempted from this requirement.
- f. Construction equipment will employ electric motors when feasible.

**F. AQ-SC6**

**AQ-SC6** The project owner, when obtaining dedicated on-road or off-road vehicles for mirror washing activities and other facility maintenance activities, shall only obtain new model year vehicles that meet California on-road vehicle emission standards or appropriate U.S. EPA/ California off-road engine emission standards for the model year when obtained.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to the start commercial operation, the project owner shall submit to the CPM a copy of the plan that identifies the size and type of the on-site vehicle and equipment fleet and the vehicle and equipment purchase orders and contracts and/or purchase schedule. The



plan shall be updated every other year and submitted in the Annual Compliance Report (COMPLIANCE-7).

**G. AQ-SC7**

**AQ-SC7** The project owner shall provide a site Operations Dust Control Plan, including all applicable fugitive dust control measures identified in the verification of AQ-SC3 that would be applicable to reducing fugitive dust from ongoing operations that:

- A. describes the active operations and wind erosion control techniques such as windbreaks and chemical dust suppressants, including their ongoing maintenance procedures, that shall be used on areas that could be disturbed by vehicles or wind anywhere within the project boundaries; and
- B. identifies the location of signs throughout the facility that will limit traveling on unpaved portion of roadways to solar equipment maintenance vehicles only. In addition, vehicle speed shall be limited to no more than 10 miles per hour on these unpaved roadways, with the exception that vehicles may travel up to 25 miles per hour on stabilized unpaved roads as long as such speeds do not create visible dust emissions.

The site operations fugitive dust control plan shall include the use of durable nontoxic soil stabilizers on all regularly used unpaved roads and disturbed off-road areas, or alternative methods for stabilizing disturbed off-road areas, within the project boundaries, and shall include the inspection and maintenance procedures that will be undertaken to ensure that the unpaved roads remain stabilized. The soil stabilizer used shall be a non-toxic soil stabilizer or soil weighting agent that can be determined to be both as efficient or more efficient for fugitive dust control as ARB approved soil stabilizers, and shall not increase any other environmental impacts including loss of vegetation.

The performance and application of the fugitive dust controls shall also be measured against and meet the performance requirements of condition **AQ-SC4**. The performance requirements of **AQ-SC4** shall also be included in the operations dust control plan.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to start of commercial operation, the project owner shall submit to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval a copy of the site Operations Dust Control Plan that identifies the dust and erosion control procedures, including effectiveness and environmental data for the proposed soil stabilizer, that will be used during operation of the project and that identifies all locations of the speed limit signs. At least 60 days after commercial operation, the project owner shall provide to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a report identifying the locations of all speed limit signs, and a copy of the project employee and contractor training manual that clearly identifies that project employees and contractors are required to comply with the dust and erosion control procedures and on-site speed limits.

**H. AQ-SC8**

**AQ-SC8** The project owner shall provide the CPM copies of all District issued Authority-to Construct (ATC) and Permit-to-Operate (PTO) for the facility.

The project owner shall submit to the CPM for review and approval any modification proposed by the project owner to any project air permit. The project owner shall submit to the CPM any modification to any permit proposed by the District or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and any revised permit issued by the District or U.S. EPA, for the project.

Verification: The project owner shall submit any ATC, PTO, and proposed air permit modification to the CPM within 5 working days of its submittal either by 1) the project owner to an agency, or 2) receipt of proposed modifications from an agency. The project owner shall submit all modified air permits to the CPM within 15 days of receipt.

**I. AQ-SC9**

**AQ-SC9** The emergency generator and fire pump engines procured for this project will meet or exceed the NSPS Subpart IIII emission standards for the model year that corresponds to their date of purchase.

Verification: The project owner shall submit the emergency engine specifications to the CPM prior to engine installation.

**J. AQ-SC10**

**AQ-SC10** The ISEGS 1, ISEGS 2, and ISEGS 3 boilers shall not exceed a total annual natural gas fuel heat input that is more than 5 percent of the total annual heat input from the sun for ISEGS1, ISEGS2, and ISEGS 3, respectively.

Verification: Annual natural gas fuel heat input data and annual solar heat input data for the ISEGS 1, ISEGS 2, and ISEGS 3 units showing compliance with this condition shall be provided in the Annual Compliance Report (**COMPLIANCE-7**).

**Conditions Applicable to Ivanpah 1 & 2 Boilers, MDAQMD Application Numbers/Permit Numbers; 00009311 (B010375) & 00009314 (B010376)**

**Equipment Description:**

Nebraska boilers, Model NSX-G-120, each equipped with Natcom Low-NOx Burners rated at a maximum heat input of 231.1 MMBTU/hr, and flue gas recirculation (FGR or EGR) operating at 13.9 percent excess air, fueled exclusively on utility grade natural gas. Equipment boiler is equipped with stacks that are 130 feet high and 60 inches in diameter.

These conditions apply separately to both boilers unless otherwise specified.

**K. AQ-1**

**AQ-1** Operation of this equipment must be conducted in compliance with all data and specifications submitted with the application under which this permit is issued unless otherwise noted below.

Verification: Any non-compliant operations shall be listed in the Annual Compliance Report (**COMPLIANCE-7**).

**L. AQ-2**

**AQ-2** The owner/operator shall operate this equipment in strict accord with the recommendations of the manufacturer or supplier and/or sound engineering principles and consistent with all information submitted with the application for this permit, which produce the minimum emission of air contaminants.

Verification: As part of the Annual Compliance Report (**COMPLIANCE-7**), the project owner shall include information on the date, time, and duration of any violation of this permit condition.

**M. AQ-3**

**AQ-3** This boiler shall use only natural gas as fuel and shall be equipped with a meter measuring fuel consumption in standard cubic feet.

Verification: As part of the Annual Compliance Report (COMPLIANCE-7), the project owner shall include proofs that only pipeline quality, or Public Utility Commission regulated natural gas are used for the boilers.

**N. AQ-4**

**AQ-4** The owner owner/operator shall maintain a current, on-site (at a central location if necessary) log for this equipment for five (5) years, which shall be provided to District, state or federal personnel upon request. This log shall include calendar year fuel use for this equipment in standard cubic feet, or BTU's, and daily hours of operation.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or Energy Commission staff.

**O. AQ-5**

**AQ-5** Not later than 180 days after initial startup, the operator shall perform an initial compliance test on this boiler in accordance with the District Compliance Test Procedural Manual. This test shall demonstrate that this equipment does not exceed the following emission maximums:

Pollutant	ppmvd	Lb/MMBtu	Lb/hr	
*NO <sub>x</sub>	9.0	0.011	2.5	(per USEPA Methods 19 and 20)
SO <sub>x</sub>	1.7	0.003	0.6	
*CO	25.0	0.018	4.2	(per USEPA Methods 10)
VOC	12.6	0.0054	1.2	(per USEPA Methods 25A and 18)
PM <sub>10</sub>	n/a	0.007	1.7	(per USEPA Methods 5 and 202 or CARB Method 5)

\*corrected to 3% oxygen, on a dry basis, averaged over one hour

Verification: The project owner shall notify the District and the CPM within fifteen (15) working days before the execution of the compliance test required in this condition. The test results shall be submitted to the District and to the CPM within 60 days of the date of the tests.

**P. AQ-6**

**AQ-6** This boiler shall be operated in compliance with all applicable requirements of 40 CFR 60 Subpart Db - Standards of Performance for Industrial Steam Generating Units (NSPS Db).

Verification: The project owner shall complete and submit to the CPM a compliance plan that provides a list of the 40 CFR 60 Subpart Db plans, tests, and recordkeeping requirements and their compliance schedule dates as applicable for the ISEGS Boilers 1 and 2 at least 30 days prior to first fire of the boilers or earlier as necessary for compliance with Subpart Db.

**Q. AQ-7**

**AQ-7** Records of fuel supplier certifications of fuel sulfur content shall be maintained to demonstrate compliance with the sulfur dioxide and particulate matter emission limits.

Verification: Complying with Condition of Certification AQ-3 shall be used to demonstrate compliance with this condition.

**R. AQ-8**

**AQ-8** The owner/operator shall continuously monitor fuel flow rate and flue gas oxygen level.

Verification: At least 120 days prior to construction of the boiler stacks, the project owner shall provide the District for approval, and the CPM for review, a detailed drawing and a plan on how the measurements and recordings, required by this condition, will be performed by the chosen monitoring system.

**S. AQ-9**

**AQ-9** The owner/operator shall conduct an initial compliance test for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions within 180 days of startup. This initial compliance test shall be used to develop a relationship between fuel firing rate, flue gas oxygen, and flue gas NO<sub>x</sub> concentration. This relationship shall be used to determine compliance with NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits contained in these conditions.

Verification: The project owner shall notify the District and the CPM within fifteen (15) working days before the execution of the compliance test required in this condition. The test results shall be submitted to the District and to the CPM within 60 days of the date of the tests.

**T. AQ-10**

**AQ-10** The owner/operator shall comply with all applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements of NSPS Db. available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**U. AQ-11**

**AQ-11** This boiler shall not operate more than 4 hours in any single day, and no more than 1460 hours in any calendar year.

- a. These limits shall not apply during the facility commissioning period. The commissioning period shall begin the first time fuel is fired in the boiler. The commissioning period shall end when the facility achieves commercial operation, but no later than 180 days after first fire.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**Conditions Applicable to Ivanpah 3 Boiler, MDAQMD Application Number: 00009320**

**Equipment Description:**

Babcock-Wilcox boiler, Model unknown, equipped with an unknown Low-NOx Burner rated at a maximum heat input of 462.2 MMBTU/hr, and flue gas recirculation (FGR or EGR) operating at 13.9 percent excess air, fueled exclusively on utility grade natural gas. Equipment shall use 450,000 cu-ft/hr of fuel and provide 440,000 lb/hr of steam. This boiler is equipped with a stack that is 130 feet high and 60 inches in diameter.

**V. AQ-12**

**AQ-12** Operation of this equipment must be conducted in compliance with all data and specifications submitted with the application under which this permit is issued unless otherwise noted below.

Verification: Any non-compliant operations shall be listed in the Annual Compliance Report (COMPLIANCE-7).

**W. AQ-13**

**AQ-13** The owner/operator shall operate this equipment in strict accord with the recommendations of the manufacturer or supplier and/or sound engineering principles and consistent with all information submitted with the application for this permit, which produce the minimum emission of air contaminants.

Verification: As part of the Annual Compliance Report, (COMPLIANCE-7) the project owner shall include information on the date, time, and duration of any violation of this permit condition.

**X. AQ-14**

**AQ-14** This boiler shall use only natural gas as fuel and shall be equipped with a meter measuring fuel consumption in standard cubic feet.

Verification: As part of the Annual Compliance Report (COMPLIANCE-7), the project owner shall include proofs that only pipeline quality, or Public Utility Commission regulated natural gas are used for the boilers.

**Y. AQ-15**

**AQ-15** The owner owner/operator shall maintain a current, on-site (at a central location if necessary) log for this equipment for five (5) years, which shall be provided to District, state or federal personnel upon request. This log shall include calendar year fuel use for this equipment in standard cubic feet, or BTU's, and daily hours of operation.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**Z. AQ-16**

**AQ-16** Not later than 180 days after initial startup, the operator shall perform an initial compliance test on this boiler in accordance with the District Compliance Test Procedural Manual. This test shall demonstrate that this equipment does not exceed the following emission maximums:

Pollutant	ppmvd	Lb/MMBTU	Lb/hr	
*NO <sub>x</sub>	9.0	0.011	5	(per USEPA Methods 19 and 20)
SO <sub>x</sub>	1.7	0.003	1.3	
*CO	25.0	0.018	8.5	(per USEPA Methods 10)
VOC	12.6	0.0054	2.5	(per USEPA Methods 25A and 18)
PM <sub>10</sub>	n/a	0.007	3.4	(per USEPA Methods 5 and 202 or CARB Method 5)

\*corrected to 3% oxygen, on a dry basis, averaged over one hour

Verification: The project owner shall notify the District and the CPM within fifteen (15) working days before the execution of the compliance test required in this condition. The test results shall be submitted to the District and to the CPM within 60 days of the date of the tests.

**AA. AQ-17**

**AQ-17** This boiler shall be operated in compliance with all applicable requirements of 40 CFR 60 Subpart Da - Standards of Performance for Industrial Steam Generating Units (NSPS Da).

Verification: The project owner shall complete and submit to the CPM a compliance plan that provides a list of the 40 CFR 60 Subpart Da plans, tests, and recordkeeping requirements and their compliance schedule dates as applicable for the ISEGS Boiler 3 at least 30 days prior to first fire of the boiler or earlier as necessary for compliance with Subpart Da.

**BB. AQ-18**

**AQ-18** Records of fuel supplier certifications of fuel sulfur content shall be maintained to demonstrate compliance with the sulfur dioxide and particulate matter emission limits.



Verification: Complying with Condition of Certification AQ-14 shall be used to demonstrate compliance with this condition.

**CC. AQ-19**

**AQ-19** The owner/operator shall install, calibrate, maintain and operate a continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) to measure and record NO<sub>x</sub> emissions and oxygen concentration according to 40 CFR Part 60 specifications.

Verification: At least 120 days prior to construction of the boiler stacks, the project owner shall provide the District for approval and the CPM for review, a detailed drawing and a plan on how the measurements and recordings, required by this condition, will be performed by the chosen monitoring system.

**DD. AQ-20**

**AQ-20** The owner/operator shall conduct an initial compliance test for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by conducting the CEMS RATA test within 180 days of startup; and shall collect data from the CEMS at all times that fuel is combusted in the boiler.

Verification: The project owner shall notify the District and the CPM within fifteen (15) working days before the execution of the compliance test required in this condition. The test results shall be submitted to the District and to the CPM within 60 days of the date of the tests.

**EE. AQ-21**

**AQ-21** The owner/operator shall comply with all applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements of NSPS Da.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**FF. AQ-22**

**AQ-22** This boiler shall not operate more than 4 hours in any single day, and no more than 1460 hours in any calendar year.

- a. These limits shall not apply during the facility

commissioning period. The commissioning period shall begin the first time fuel is fired in the boiler. The commissioning period shall end when the facility achieves commercial operation, but no later than 180 days after first fire.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**Conditions Applicable to Ivanpah I, II, and III Emergency Fire Pumps, MDAQMD Application Numbers/Permit Numbers; 00009312 (E010380), 00009315 (E010378), and 00009319 (E010384)**

**Equipment Description:**

Year of Manufacture 2008, Tier II, One Clarke, Diesel fired internal combustion engine, Model No. JU6H-UF62, and Serial number tbd, After Cooled, Direct Injected, Turbo Charged, producing 240 bhp with 6 cylinders at 2,600 rpm while consuming a maximum of 10 gal/hr. This equipment powers a pump.

These conditions apply separately to all three emergency fire pump engines unless otherwise specified.

**GG. AQ-23**

**AQ-23** This system shall be installed, operated and maintained in strict accord with those recommendations of the manufacturer/supplier and/or sound engineering principles which produce the minimum emissions of contaminants. Unless otherwise noted, this equipment shall also be operated in accordance with all data and specifications submitted with the application for this permit.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, EPA or CEC staff.

**HH. AQ-24**

**AQ-24** These engines may operate in response to notification of impending rotating outage if the area utility has ordered rotating outages in the area where the engines are located or expects to order such outages at a particular time, the engines are located in the area subject to the rotating outage, the engines are operated no more than 30 minutes prior to the forecasted outage, and the engines are shut down

immediately after the utility advises that the outage is no longer imminent or in effect.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**II. AQ-25**

**AQ-25** These engines may operate in response to fire suppression requirements and needs.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**JJ. AQ-26**

**AQ-26** These units shall only be fired on ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, whose sulfur concentration is less than or equal to 0.0015% (15ppm) on a weight per weight basis per CARB Diesel or equivalent requirements.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**KK. AQ-27**

**AQ-27** A non-resettable four-digit (9,999) hour timer shall be installed and maintained on these units to indicate elapsed engine operating time.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the installation of the engine, the project owner shall provide the District and the CPM the specification of the hour timer.

**LL. AQ-28**

**AQ-28** These units shall be limited to use for emergency power, defined as in response to a fire or when commercially available power has been interrupted. In addition, this unit shall be operated no more than 50 hours per year for testing and maintenance, excluding compliance source testing. Time required for source testing will not be counted toward the 50 hour per year limit.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall

make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**MM. AQ-29**

**AQ-29** The hour limit of AQ-28 can be exceeded when the emergency fire pump assemblies are driven directly by a stationary diesel fueled CI engine when operated per and in accord with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 25 - "Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems," 2006 edition or the most current edition approved by the CARB Executive Officer. {Title 17 CCR 93115(c)16}

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**NN. AQ-30**

**AQ-30** The owner/operator shall maintain a operations log for these units current and on-site, either at the engine location or at a on-site location, for a minimum of two (2) years, and for another year where it can be made available to the District staff within 5 working days from the District's request, and this log shall be provided to District, State and Federal personnel upon request. The log shall include, at a minimum, the information specified below:

- a. Date of each use and duration of each use (in hours);
- b. Reason for use (testing & maintenance, emergency, required emission testing);
- c. Calendar year operation in terms of fuel consumption (in gallons) and total hours; and,
- d. Fuel sulfur concentration (the owner/operator may use the supplier's certification of sulfur content if it is maintained as part of this log).

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**OO. AQ-31**

**AQ-31** These fire protection units are subject to the requirements of the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines (Title 17 CCR 93115). In the event of conflict between these conditions and the ATCM, the more stringent requirements shall govern.

Verification: Not necessary.

**Conditions Applicable to Ivanpah I, II, and III Emergency Generators, MDAQMD Application Numbers/Permit Numbers; 00009313 (E010381), 00009316 (E010379), 00009317 (E010382) and 00009318 (E010383)**

**Equipment Description:**

Year of Manufacture 2008, Tier II, One Caterpillar, Diesel fired internal combustion engine, Model No. 3516C-HD, and Serial No. tbd, After Cooled, Direct Injected, Turbo Charged, producing 3,750 bhp with 16 cylinders at 1,800 rpm while consuming a maximum of 173 gal/hr. This equipment powers a Generator.

These conditions apply separately to all four emergency generator engines unless otherwise specified.

**PP. AQ-32**

**AQ-32** Engine may operate in response to notification of impending rotating outage if the area utility has ordered rotating outages in the area where the engine is located or expects to order such outages at a particular time, the engine is located in the area subject to the rotating outage, the engine is operated no more than 30 minutes prior to the forecasted outage, and the engine is shut down immediately after the utility advises that the outage is no longer imminent or in effect.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**QQ. AQ-33**

**AQ-33** This unit shall only be fired on ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, whose sulfur concentration is less than or equal to 0.0015% (15ppm) on a weight per weight basis per CARB Diesel or equivalent requirements.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**RR. AQ-34**

**AQ-34** This equipment shall be installed, operated and maintained in strict accord with those recommendations of the manufacturer/supplier and/or sound engineering principles which produce the minimum emissions of contaminants. Unless otherwise noted, this equipment shall also be operated in accordance with all data and specifications submitted with the application for this permit.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**SS. AQ-35**

**AQ-35** A non-resettable four-digit (9,999) hour timer shall be installed and maintained on this unit to indicate elapsed engine operating time.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the installation of the engine, the project owner shall provide the District and the CPM the specification of the hour timer.

**TT. AQ-36**

**AQ-36** This unit shall be limited to use for emergency power, defined as in response to a fire or when commercially available power has been interrupted. In addition, this unit shall be operated no more than 50 hours per year, and no more than 0.5 hours per day for testing and maintenance, excluding compliance source testing. Time required for source testing will not be counted toward the 50 hour per year limit.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**UU. AQ-37**

**AQ-37** The owner/operator shall maintain an operations log for this unit current and on-site (or at a central location) for a

minimum of five (5) years, and this log shall be provided to District, State and Federal personnel upon request. The log shall include, at a minimum, the information specified below:

- a. Date of each use and duration of each use (in hours);
- b. Reason for use (testing & maintenance, emergency, required emission testing);
- c. Calendar year operation in terms of fuel consumption (in gallons) and total hours; and,
- d. Fuel sulfur concentration (the owner/operator may use the supplier's certification of sulfur content if it is maintained as part of this log).

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

**VV. AQ-38**

**AQ-38** This genset is subject to the requirements of the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines (Title 17 CCR 93115). In the event of conflict between these conditions and the ATCM, the more stringent requirements shall govern.

Verification: Not necessary.

**WW. AQ-39**

**AQ-39** This unit shall not be used to provide power during a voluntary agreed to power outage and/or power reduction initiated under an Interruptible Service Contract (ISC); Demand Response Program (DRP); Load Reduction Program (LRP) and/or similar arrangement(s) with the electrical power supplier.

Verification: During site inspection, the project owner shall make all records and reports available to the District, ARB, U.S. EPA or CEC staff.

## **II. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

### **A. BIO-1:**

#### **DESIGNATED BIOLOGIST SELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**BIO-1** The project owner shall assign at least one Designated Biologist to the project. The project owner shall submit the resume of the proposed Designated Biologist(s), with at least three references and contact information, to the Energy Commission Compliance Project Manager (CPM) and BLM's Authorized Officer for approval in consultation with CDFG and USFWS.

The Designated Biologist must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Bachelor's degree in biological sciences, zoology, botany, ecology, or a closely related field;
2. Three years of experience in field biology or current certification of a nationally recognized biological society, such as The Ecological Society of America or The Wildlife Society;
3. Have at least one year of field experience with biological resources found in or near the project area;
4. Meet the current USFWS Authorized Biologist qualifications criteria (USFWS 2008), demonstrate familiarity with protocols and guidelines for the desert tortoise, and be approved by the USFWS; and
5. Possess a California ESA Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to Section 2081(a) for desert tortoise.

In lieu of the above requirements, the resume shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in consultation with CDFG and USFWS, that the proposed Designated Biologist or alternate has the appropriate training and background to effectively implement the conditions of certification.

Verification: The project owner shall submit the specified information at least 90 days prior to the start of any project-related site disturbance activities. No site or related facility activities shall commence until an approved Designated Biologist is available to be on site.

If a Designated Biologist needs to be replaced, the



specified information of the proposed replacement must be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM at least 10 working days prior to the termination or release of the preceding Designated Biologist. In an emergency, the project owner shall immediately notify the BLM Authorized Officer and the CPM to discuss the qualifications and approval of a short-term replacement while a permanent Designated Biologist is proposed to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and for consideration.

Designated Biologists shall complete a USFWS Qualifications Form (USFWS 2008) ([www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/protocols\\_guidelines](http://www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/protocols_guidelines)) and submit it to the USFWS, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 60 days prior to ground breaking for review and final approval.

**B. BIO-2:**

**DESIGNATED BIOLOGIST DUTIES**

**BIO-2** The project owner shall ensure that the Designated Biologist performs the following during any site (or related facilities) mobilization, ground disturbance, grading, construction, operation, and closure activities. The Designated Biologist may be assisted by the approved Biological Monitor(s) but remains the contact for the project owner, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The Designated Biologist Duties shall include the following:

1. Advise the project owner's Construction and Operation Managers on the implementation of the biological resources conditions of certification;
2. Consult on the preparation of the Biological Resources Mitigation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (BRMIMP) to be submitted by the project owner;
3. Be available to supervise, conduct and coordinate mitigation, monitoring, and other biological resources compliance efforts, particularly in areas requiring avoidance or containing sensitive biological resources, such as special-status species or their habitat;
4. Clearly mark sensitive biological resource areas and inspect these areas at appropriate intervals for compliance with regulatory terms and conditions;
5. Inspect active construction areas where animals may have become trapped prior to construction commencing

each day. At the end of the day, inspect for the installation of structures that prevent entrapment or allow escape during periods of construction inactivity. Periodically inspect areas with high vehicle activity (e.g., parking lots) for animals in harm's way;

6. Notify the project owner and BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of any non-compliance with any biological resources condition of certification;
7. Respond directly to inquiries of BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM regarding biological resource issues;
8. Maintain written records of the tasks specified above and those included in the BRMIMP. Summaries of these records shall be submitted in the Monthly Compliance Report and the Annual Compliance Report;
9. Train the Biological Monitors as appropriate, and ensure their familiarity with the BRMIMP, Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, and USFWS guidelines on desert tortoise surveys and handling procedures  
<[www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/protocols\\_guidelines](http://www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/protocols_guidelines)>, and; and
10. Maintain the ability to be in regular, direct communication with representatives of CDFG, USFWS, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, including notifying these agencies of dead or injured listed species and reporting special-status species observations to the California Natural Diversity Data Base.

Verification: The Designated Biologist shall submit in the Monthly Compliance Report to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and copies of all written reports and summaries that document biological resources compliance activities. If actions may affect biological resources during operation a Designated Biologist shall be available for monitoring and reporting. During project operation, the Designated Biologist shall submit record summaries in the Annual Compliance Report unless his/her duties cease, as approved by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

**C. BIO-3:**

**BIOLOGICAL MONITOR SELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**BIO-3** The project owner's BLM- and CPM-approved Designated Biologist shall submit the resume, at least three references, and contact information of the proposed Biological

Monitors to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The resume shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the CPM the appropriate education and experience to accomplish the assigned biological resource tasks. The Biological Monitor is the equivalent of the USFWS designated Desert Tortoise Monitor (USFWS 2008).

Biological Monitor(s) training by the Designated Biologist shall include familiarity with the conditions of certification, BRMIMP, WEAP, USFWS guidelines on desert tortoise surveys and handling procedures

<[www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/protocols\\_guidelines](http://www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/protocols_guidelines)>.

Verification: The project owner shall submit the specified information to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for approval at least 30 days prior to the start of any project-related site disturbance activities. The Designated Biologist shall submit a written statement to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM confirming that individual Biological Monitor(s) has been trained including the date when training was completed. If additional biological monitors are needed during construction the specified information shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and for approval at least 10 days prior to their first day of monitoring activities.

**D. BIO-4:**  
**BIOLOGICAL MONITOR DUTIES**

**BIO-4** The Biological Monitors shall assist the Designated Biologist in conducting surveys and in monitoring of mobilization, ground disturbance, grading, construction, operation, and closure activities. The Designated Biologist shall remain the contact for the project owner, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

Verification: The Designated Biologist shall submit in the Monthly Compliance Report to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and copies of all written reports and summaries that document biological resources compliance activities, including those conducted by Biological Monitors. If actions may affect biological resources during operation a Biological Monitor, under the supervision of the Designated Biologist, shall be available for monitoring and reporting. During project operation, the Designated Biologist shall submit record summaries in the Annual Compliance Report unless their

duties cease, as approved by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

**E. BIO-5:**

**DESIGNATED BIOLOGIST AND BIOLOGICAL MONITOR AUTHORITY**

**BIO-5** The project owner's construction/operation manager shall act on the advice of the Designated Biologist and Biological Monitor(s) to ensure conformance with the biological resources conditions of certification.

The Designated Biologist shall have the authority to immediately stop any activity that is not in compliance with these conditions and/or order any reasonable measure to avoid take of an individual of a listed species. If required by the Designated Biologist and Biological Monitor(s) the project owner's construction/operation manager shall halt all site mobilization, ground disturbance, grading, construction, and operation activities in areas specified by the Designated Biologist. The Designated Biologist shall:

1. Require a halt to all activities in any area when determined that there would be an unauthorized adverse impact to biological resources if the activities continued;
2. Inform the project owner and the construction/operation manager when to resume activities; and
3. Notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and if there is a halt of any activities and advise them of any corrective actions that have been taken or will be instituted as a result of the work stoppage.

If the Designated Biologist is unavailable for direct consultation, the Biological Monitor shall act on behalf of the Designated Biologist.

Verification: The project owner shall ensure that the Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor notifies BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM immediately (and no later than the morning following the incident, or Monday morning in the case of a weekend) of any non-compliance or a halt of any site mobilization, ground disturbance, grading, construction, and operation activities. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the circumstances and actions being taken to resolve the problem.

Whenever corrective action is taken by the project owner, a determination of success or failure will be made by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within five working days after receipt of notice that corrective action is completed, or the project owner will be notified by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that coordination with other agencies will require additional time before a determination can be made.

**F. BIO-6:**

**WORKER ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAM (WEAP)**

**BIO-6** The project owner shall develop and implement an Ivanpah SEGS-specific Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) and shall secure approval for the WEAP from BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The USFWS and CDFG shall also be provided a copy of the WEAP for review and comment. The WEAP shall be administered to all onsite personnel including surveyors, construction engineers, employees, contractors, contractor's employees, supervisors, inspectors, subcontractors, and delivery personnel. The WEAP shall be implemented during site mobilization, ground disturbance, grading, construction, operation, and closure. The WEAP shall:

1. Be developed by or in consultation with the Designated Biologist and consist of an on-site or training center presentation in which supporting written material and electronic media, including photographs of protected species, is made available to all participants.
2. Discuss the locations and types of sensitive biological resources on the project site and adjacent areas, and explain the reasons for protecting these resources; provide information to participants that Gila monsters are venomous and should not be handled, and that no snakes, reptiles, or other wildlife shall be harmed;
3. Place special emphasis on desert tortoise, including information on physical characteristics, distribution, behavior, ecology, sensitivity to human activities, legal protection, penalties for violations, reporting requirements, and protection measures;
4. Include a discussion of fire prevention measures to be implemented by workers during project activities; request

- workers dispose of cigarettes and cigars appropriately and not leave them on the ground or buried;
5. Present the meaning of various temporary and permanent habitat protection measures;
  6. Identify whom to contact if there are further comments and questions about the material discussed in the program; and
  7. Include a training acknowledgment form to be signed by each worker indicating that they received training and shall abide by the guidelines.

The specific program can be administered by a competent individual(s) acceptable to the Designated Biologist.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to the start of any project-related site disturbance activities, the project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the draft WEAP and all supporting written materials and electronic media prepared or reviewed by the Designated Biologist and a resume of the person(s) administering the program.

The project owner shall provide in the Monthly Compliance Report the number of persons who have completed the training in the prior month and a running total of all persons who have completed the training to date. At least 10 days prior to site and related facilities mobilization, the project owner shall submit two copies of the BLM- and CPM-approved final WEAP.

Training acknowledgement forms signed during construction shall be kept on file by the project owner for at least six months after the start of commercial operation.

Throughout the life of the project, the worker education program shall be repeated annually for permanent employees, and shall be routinely administered within one week of arrival to any new construction personnel, foremen, contractors, subcontractors, and other personnel potentially working within the project area. Upon completion of the orientation, employees shall sign a form stating that they attended the program and understand all protection measures. These forms shall be maintained by the project owner and shall be made available to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and upon request. Workers shall receive and be required to visibly display a hardhat sticker or certificate that they have completed the training.

During project operation, signed statements for operational personnel shall be kept on file for six months following the termination of an individual's employment.

**G. BIO-7:**

**BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES MITIGATION IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING PLAN (BRMIMP)**

**BIO-7** The project owner shall develop a BRMIMP and submit two copies of the proposed BRMIMP to the BLM-Authorized Officer and the CPM (for review and approval) and shall implement the measures identified in the approved BRMIMP. The BRMIMP shall incorporate avoidance and minimization measures described in final versions of the Desert Tortoise Translocation Plan, the Raven Management Plan, the Closure, Revegetation and Rehabilitation Plan, the Burrowing Owl Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, and the Weed Management Plan.

The BRMIMP shall be prepared in consultation with the Designated Biologist and include the following:

1. All biological resources mitigation, monitoring, and compliance measures proposed and agreed to by the project owner;
2. All biological resources conditions of certification identified as necessary to avoid or mitigate impacts;
3. All biological resource mitigation, monitoring and compliance measures required in federal agency terms and conditions, such as those provided in the USFWS Biological Opinion;
4. All sensitive biological resources to be impacted, avoided, or mitigated by project construction, operation, and closure;
5. All required mitigation measures for each sensitive biological resource;
6. A detailed description of measures that shall be taken to avoid or mitigate temporary disturbances from construction activities;
7. All locations on a map, at an approved scale, of sensitive biological resource areas subject to disturbance and areas requiring temporary protection and avoidance during construction and operation;
8. Aerial photographs, at an approved scale, of all areas to be disturbed during project construction activities;

include one set prior to any site or related facilities mobilization disturbance and one set subsequent to completion of project construction. Provide planned timing of aerial photography and a description of why times were chosen. Provide a final accounting of the before/after acreages and a determination of whether additional habitat compensation is necessary in the Construction Termination Report;

9. Duration for each type of monitoring and a description of monitoring methodologies and frequency;
10. Performance standards to be used to help decide if/when proposed mitigation is or is not successful;
11. All performance standards and remedial measures to be implemented if performance standards are not met;
12. A discussion of biological resources-related facility closure measures including a description of funding mechanism(s); and
13. A process for proposing plan modifications to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and appropriate agencies for review and approval.

Verification: The project owner shall submit the BRMIMP to the BLM Authorized Officer and the CPM at least 60 days prior to start of any project-related site disturbance activities. The BRMIMP shall contain all of the required measures included in all biological Conditions of Certification. No ground disturbance may occur prior to approval of the final BRMIMP by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

BLM's Authorized Office and the CPM, in consultation with other appropriate agencies, will determine the BRMIMP's acceptability within 45 days of receipt. If there are any permits that have not yet been received when the BRMIMP is first submitted, these permits shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Office and the CPM within five days of their receipt, and the BRMIMP shall be revised or supplemented to reflect the permit condition within at least 10 days of their receipt by the project owner. Ten days prior to site and related facilities mobilization the revised BRMIMP shall be resubmitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and no less than five working days before implementing any modifications to the approved BRMIMP to



obtain BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM approval.

Any changes to the approved BRMIMP must also be approved by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and in consultation with appropriate agencies to ensure no conflicts exist.

Implementation of BRMIMP measures (construction activities that were monitored, species observed) will be reported in the Monthly Compliance Reports by the Designated Biologist. Within 30 days after completion of project construction, the project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, for review and approval, a written construction termination report identifying which items of the BRMIMP have been completed, a summary of all modifications to mitigation measures made during the project's site mobilization, ground disturbance, grading, and construction phases, and which mitigation and monitoring items are still outstanding.

**H. BIO-8:**

**DESERT TORTOISE CLEARANCE SURVEYS AND FENCING**

**BIO-8** The project owner shall undertake appropriate measures to manage the construction site and related facilities in a manner to avoid or minimize impacts to desert tortoise. Methods for clearance surveys, fence installation, tortoise handling, artificial burrow construction, egg handling and other procedures would be consistent with those described in the *Guidelines for Handling Desert Tortoise During Construction Projects* (Desert Tortoise Council 1999) or more current guidance provided by CDFG and USFWS. The project owner shall also implement all terms and conditions described in the Biological Opinion prepared by USFWS. These measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Fence Installation. To avoid impacts to desert tortoises the proposed fence alignment shall be flagged and the alignment surveyed within 24 hours prior to the initiation of construction of tortoise-exclusion fence. Surveys shall be conducted by the Designated Biologist(s) using techniques approved by the USFWS and CDFG. Biological Monitors may assist the Designated Biologist under his or her supervision. These surveys shall provide 100-percent coverage of all areas to be disturbed and an additional transect

along both sides of the fence line. This fence line transect will cover an area approximately 90 feet wide centered on the fence alignment. Transects would be no greater than 30 feet apart. All desert tortoise burrows, and burrows constructed by other species that might be used by desert tortoises, shall be examined to assess occupancy of each burrow by desert tortoises and handled in accordance with USFWS-approved protocol.

2. Fence Installation. Prior to the initiation of construction activities for each solar plant, the project owner shall enclose the boundary of the affected solar plant with permanent chain-link fencing for security purposes and permanent desert tortoise exclusionary fencing would be attached to the bottom of the chain link fencing. The fence installation shall be supervised by the Designated Biologist and monitored by the Biological Monitors to ensure the safety of any tortoise present.
  - a. Fence Material and Installation. The permanent tortoise exclusionary fencing shall consist of galvanized hard wire cloth 1-inch by 2-inch mesh sunk 12 inches into the ground, and 24 inches above the ground (but not less than 18 inches above the ground) (USFWS 2008). The fencing shall be buried approximately 6 inches below ground or bent at a right angle towards the outside of the project site and covered with dirt, rocks or gravel to discourage the tortoise from digging under the fence
  - b. Security Gates. Security gates shall be designed with minimal ground clearance to deter ingress by tortoises. The gates may be electronically activated to open and close immediately after the vehicle(s) have entered or exited to prevent the gates from being kept open for long periods of time. Cattle grating designed to safely exclude desert tortoise shall be installed at the gated entries to discourage tortoises from gaining entry
  - c. Utility Corridor Fencing. The utility rights-of-way shall be temporarily fenced on each side of the right-of-way prior to ground disturbing activities to prevent desert tortoise entry during construction. Temporary fencing must be capable of preventing desert tortoises from entering the work area, with supporting stakes

sufficiently spaced to maintain fence integrity. The Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor shall be present to supervise all construction activities occurring within areas bounded by temporary fencing.

- d. Fence Inspections. Following installation of the desert tortoise exclusion fencing for both the permanent site fencing and temporary fencing in the utility corridors, the fencing shall be regularly inspected. Permanent fencing shall be inspected monthly and during/following all major rainfall events. Any damage to the fencing shall be temporarily repaired immediately to keep tortoises out of the site, and permanently repaired within two days of observing damage. Inspections of permanent site fencing shall occur for the life of the project. Temporary fencing must be inspected weekly and, where drainages intersect the fencing, during and immediately following major rainfall events. All temporary fencing shall be repaired immediately upon discovery and, if the fence may have permitted tortoise entry while damaged, the Designated Biologist shall inspect the area for tortoise.
3. Clearance Surveys. Following construction of the security fence and the attached tortoise exclusion fence, the fenced area shall be cleared of tortoises by Biological Monitors under the supervision of the Designated Biologist. Two complete passes with complete coverage shall be conducted as described above. If a desert tortoise is located on the second survey, a third survey would be conducted. Transects would be no wider than 30 feet. Each separate survey would be walked in a different direction to allow opposing angles of observation. Vegetation salvage operations shall not begin until the area is deemed free of desert tortoises.
4. Burrow Searches. During clearance surveys all potential desert tortoise burrows within the fenced area shall be inspected to determine if tortoises are present. In some cases, a fiber optic scope may be needed to determine presence or absence within a deep burrow. To prevent reentry by a tortoise or other wildlife, all burrows shall be collapsed once absence has been determined. Tortoises taken from burrows and from elsewhere on the site shall be relocated or translocated as described in the Desert Tortoise Relocation/Translocation Plan.

5. Burrow Excavation/Handling. All potential desert tortoise burrows located would be excavated by hand by a Biological Monitor, tortoises removed, and collapsed or blocked to prevent occupation by desert tortoises. Burrows inhabited by tortoises shall be excavated using hand tools under the supervision of the Designated Biologist. If excavated during May through July, the Biological Monitor would search for desert tortoise nests/eggs, which are typically located near the entrance to burrows. All desert tortoise handling and removal, and burrow excavations, including nests, would be conducted by the Designated Biologist or a Biological Monitor in accordance with the Service-approved protocol (Desert Tortoise Council 1994, revised 1999). If the Desert Tortoise Council releases a revised protocol for handling of desert tortoises before initiation of project activities, the revised protocol would be implemented for the project.
6. Monitoring During Clearing. Following the tortoise clearance and translocation, workers and heavy equipment shall be allowed to enter the project site to perform vegetation salvage and earth work such as clearing, grubbing, leveling, trenching, and installation of heliostats. A Biological Monitor shall monitor clearing and grading activities to find and move tortoises missed during the initial tortoise clearance survey. Should a tortoise be discovered, it shall be relocated or translocated as described in the Desert Tortoise Relocation/Translocation Plan to an area approved by the Designated Biologist.
7. Reporting. The Designated Biologist shall record the following information for any desert tortoises handled: a) the locations (narrative and maps) and dates of observation; b) general condition and health, including injuries, state of healing and whether desert tortoise voided their bladders; c) location moved from and location moved to (using GPS technology); d) gender, carapace length, and diagnostic markings (i.e., identification numbers or marked lateral scutes); e) ambient temperature when handled and released; and f) digital photograph of each handled desert tortoise as described in the paragraph below. Desert tortoise moved from within project areas shall be marked for future identification as described in *Guidelines for Handling Desert Tortoise during Construction Projects*

(Desert Tortoise Council 1999) or more current guidance on the USFWS website. Digital photographs of the carapace, plastron, and fourth costal scute shall be taken. Scutes shall not be notched for identification.

Verification: All mitigation measures and their implementation methods shall be included in the BRMIMP and implemented. Implementation of the measures shall be reported in the Monthly Compliance Reports by the Designated Biologist. Within 30 days after completion of desert tortoise clearance surveys the Designated Biologist shall submit a report to BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM, USFWS, and CDFG describing how each of the mitigation measures described above has been satisfied. The report shall include the desert tortoise survey results, capture and release locations of any relocated desert tortoises, and any other information needed to demonstrate compliance with the measures described above.

**I. BIO-9:**

**DESERT TORTOISE RELOCATION/TRANSLOCATION PLAN**

**BIO-9** The project owner shall develop and implement a final Desert Tortoise Relocation/Translocation Plan (Plan) that is consistent with current USFWS approved guidelines, and meets the approval of BLM's Authorized Officer, USFWS and the CPM, in consultation with CDFG. The final Plan shall be based on the draft Desert Tortoise Relocation/Translocation Plan prepared by the applicant dated May 2009 and shall include all revisions deemed necessary by BLM's Authorized Officer, USFWS, and the CPM, in consultation with CDFG.

Verification: Within 60 days of publication of the Energy Commission Decision the project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with the final version of a Desert Tortoise Relocation/Translocation Plan that has been reviewed by BLM, USFWS, CDFG and Energy Commission staff. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM will determine the plan's acceptability within 15 days of receipt of the final plan. All modifications to the approved translocation must be made only after consultation with BLM's Authorized Officer, USFWS and the CPM, in consultation with CDFG.

Within 30 days after initiation of translocation activities,

the Designated Biologist shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval, a written report identifying which items of the Plan have been completed, and a summary of all modifications to measures made during implementation of the Plan.

**J. BIO-10:**

**DESERT TORTOISE COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION**

**BIO-10** The project owner shall provide Energy Commission and BLM representatives with reasonable access to the project site and mitigation lands under the control of the project owner and shall otherwise fully cooperate with the Energy Commission's and BLM's efforts to verify the project owner's compliance with, or the effectiveness of, mitigation measures set forth in the conditions of certification. The project owner shall hold the Designated Biologist, the Energy Commission, and BLM harmless for any costs the project owner incurs in complying with the management measures, including stop work orders issued by BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM, or the Designated Biologist. The Designated Biologist shall do all of the following:

1. Notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and at least 14 calendar days before initiating vegetation salvage or ground-disturbing activities;
2. Immediately notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in writing if the project owner is not in compliance with any conditions of certification, including but not limited to any actual or anticipated failure to implement mitigation measures within the time periods specified in the conditions of certification;
3. Remain onsite daily while vegetation salvage, grubbing, grading and heliostat installation activities are taking place to avoid or minimize take of listed species, to check for compliance with all impact avoidance and minimization measures, and to check all exclusion zones to ensure that signs, stakes, and fencing are intact and that human activities are restricted in these protective zones.
4. Maintain and check desert tortoise exclusion fences on a daily basis to ensure the integrity of the fence is maintained. The Designated Biologist shall be present onsite to monitor construction and determine fence placement during fence installation.
5. Conduct compliance inspections at a minimum of once per month after clearing, grubbing, grading, and

heliostat installation activities are completed and submit a monthly compliance report to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM ;

6. No later than January 31 of every year the ISEGS facility remains in operation, provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM an annual Listed Species Status Report, which shall include, at a minimum: 1) a general description of the status of the project site and construction activities, including actual or projected completion dates, if known; 2) a copy of the table in the BRMIMP with notes showing the current implementation status of each mitigation measure; and 3) an assessment of the effectiveness of each completed or partially completed mitigation measure in minimizing and compensating for project impacts;
7. Ensure that all observations of listed species and their sign during project activities are reported to the Designated Biologist for inclusion in the next monthly compliance report submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM;
8. No later than 45 days after the first sale of power provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a Final Listed Species Mitigation Report that shall include, at a minimum: 1) a copy of the table in the BRMIMP with notes showing when each of the mitigation measures was implemented; 2) all available information about project-related incidental take of listed species; 3) information about other project impacts on the listed species; 4) construction dates; 5) an assessment of the effectiveness of conditions of certification in minimizing and compensating for project impacts; 6) recommendations on how mitigation measures might be changed to more effectively minimize and mitigate the impacts of future projects on the listed species; and 7) any other pertinent information, including the level of take of the listed species associated with the project;
9. In the event of a sighting in an active construction area (e.g., with equipment, vehicles, or workers), injury, kill, or relocation of any listed species, notify BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM, CDFG and USFWS immediately by phone and in no event later than noon on the business day following the event if it occurs outside normal business hours so that the agencies can determine what further actions, if any, are required to

protect listed species;

10. Prepare written follow-up notification via FAX or electronic communication to these agencies within 2 calendar days of the incident and include the following information as relevant:
  - a. If a desert tortoise is injured as a result of project related activities during construction, the Designated Biologist will immediately take it to a BLM- and CPM-approved wildlife rehabilitation and/or veterinarian clinic. Any veterinarian bills for such injured animals will be paid by the project owner. Following phone notification as required above, BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM, CDFG, and USFWS will determine the final disposition of the injured animal, if it recovers. Written notification shall include, at a minimum, the date, time, location, circumstances of the incident, and the name of the facility where the animal was taken.
  - b. If a desert tortoise is killed by project-related activities during construction, or if a desert tortoise is otherwise found dead, submit a written report with the same information as an injury report. These desert tortoises shall be salvaged according to guidelines described in *Salvaging Injured, Recently Dead, Ill, and Dying Wild, Free-Roaming Desert Tortoise* prepared by Kristin Berry, June 2001. The project owner shall pay to have these desert tortoises necropsied. The report shall include the date and time of the finding or incident.
  - c. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM may issue the project owner a written stop work order to suspend any activity related to the construction or operation of the project for an appropriate period determined in consultation with BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in order to prevent or remedy a violation of one or more conditions of certification (including but not limited to failure to comply with reporting, monitoring, or habitat acquisition obligations) or to prevent the illegal take of an endangered, threatened, or candidate species. The project owner shall comply with the stop work order immediately upon receipt thereof.

Verification: No later than 2 calendar days following the above



required notification of a sighting, kill, or relocation of a listed species, the project owner shall deliver to BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM, CDFG, and USFWS via FAX or electronic communication the written report from the Designated Biologist describing all reported incidents of injury, kill, or relocation of a listed species, identifying who was notified, and explaining when the incidents occurred. In the case of a sighting in an active construction area, the project owner shall, at the same time, submit a map (e.g., using Geographic Information Systems) depicting both the limits of construction and sighting location to BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM, CDFG and USFWS.

**K. BIO-11:**

**IMPACT AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES**

**BIO-11** During construction the project owner shall implement all feasible measures to avoid or minimize impacts to biological resources, including the following:

1. Limit Disturbance Areas. The boundaries of all areas to be disturbed (including staging areas, access roads, and sites for temporary placement of spoils) shall be delineated with stakes and flagging prior to construction activities in consultation with the Designated Biologist. Spoils and topsoil shall be stockpiled in disturbed areas lacking native vegetation and which do not provide habitat for special-status species. All disturbances, project vehicles and equipment shall be confined to the flagged areas.
2. Minimize Road Impacts. New and existing roads that are planned for construction, widening, or other improvements shall not extend beyond the flagged impact area as described above. All vehicles passing or turning around will do so within the planned impact area or in previously disturbed areas. Where new access is required outside of existing roads or the construction zone, the route will be clearly marked (i.e., flagged and/or staked) prior to the onset of construction.
3. Minimize Traffic Impacts. Vehicular traffic during project construction and operation shall be confined to existing routes of travel to and from the project site, and cross country vehicle and equipment use outside designated work areas shall be prohibited. The speed limit shall not exceed 20 miles per hour within the project area,

on maintenance roads for linear facilities, or on access roads to the ISEGS site.

4. Monitor During Construction. The Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor shall be present at the construction site during all project activities that have potential to disturb soil, vegetation, and wildlife. In areas that have not been fenced with tortoise exclusion fencing and cleared, the USFWS-approved Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor shall walk immediately ahead of equipment during brushing and grading activities.
5. Minimize Impacts of Transmission/Pipeline Alignments, Roads, Staging Areas. Staging areas for construction on the plant site shall be within the area that has been fenced with desert tortoise exclusion fencing and cleared. For construction activities outside of the plant site (transmission line, pipeline alignments) access roads, pulling sites, and storage and parking areas shall be designed, installed, and maintained with the goal of minimizing impacts to native plant communities and sensitive biological resources. Transmission lines and all electrical components shall be designed, installed, and maintained in accordance with the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee's (APLIC's) Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines (APLIC 2006) and Mitigating Bird Collisions with Power Lines (APLIC 2004) to reduce the likelihood of large bird electrocutions and collisions.
6. Avoid Use of Toxic Substances. Road surfacing and sealants as well as soil bonding and weighting agents used on unpaved surfaces shall be non-toxic to wildlife and plants.
7. Minimize Lighting Impacts. Facility lighting shall be designed, installed, and maintained to prevent side casting of light towards wildlife habitat. To minimize risk of avian collisions with the heliostat towers, only flashing or strobe lights shall be installed on these towers.
8. Badger Surveys. Concurrent with the desert tortoise clearance survey, the Designated Biologist or Biological Monitors shall perform a preconstruction survey for badger dens in the project area, including areas within 250 feet of all project facilities, utility corridors, and access roads. If badger dens are found, each den shall be classified as inactive, potentially active, or definitely active. Inactive dens shall be

excavated by hand and backfilled to prevent reuse by badgers. Potentially and definitely active dens shall be monitored by the Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor for three consecutive nights using a tracking medium (such as diatomaceous earth or fire clay) at the entrance. If no tracks are observed in the tracking medium after 3 nights, the den shall be excavated and backfilled by hand. If tracks are observed, the applicant shall develop and implement a trapping and relocation plan in consultation with the Designated Biologist and CDFG. BLM approval may be required prior to release of badgers on public lands.

9. Gila Monster Surveys. If a Gila monster is encountered during clearance surveys or during construction, a qualified biologist experienced with Gila monster survey and capture techniques shall capture and maintain it in a cool (<85 degrees F) environment until it can be released to a safe, suitable area beyond the construction impact zone. The biologist shall coordinate with staff and CDFG biologists in the transport and relocation of any Gila monsters encountered during project surveys, construction, or operation.
10. Avoid Vehicle Impacts to Desert Tortoise. Parking and storage shall occur within the area enclosed by desert tortoise exclusion fencing to the extent feasible. No vehicles or construction equipment parked outside the fenced area shall be moved prior to an inspection of the ground beneath the vehicle for the presence of desert tortoise. If a desert tortoise is observed, it will be left to move on its own. If it does not move within 15 minutes, a Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor may remove and relocate the animal to a safe location if temperatures are within the range described in the USFWS protocol ([www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/protocols\\_guidelines](http://www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/protocols_guidelines) and Desert Tortoise Council 1999).
11. Avoid Wildlife Pitfalls:
  - a. Backfill Trenches. At the end of each work day, the Designated Biologist shall ensure that all potential wildlife pitfalls (trenches, bores, and other excavations) outside the area fenced with desert tortoise exclusion fencing have been backfilled. If backfilling is not feasible, all trenches, bores, and other excavations shall be sloped at a 3:1 ratio at the ends to provide wildlife escape ramps,

or covered completely to prevent wildlife access, or fully enclosed with desert tortoise-exclusion fencing. All trenches, bores, and other excavations outside the areas permanently fenced with desert tortoise exclusion fencing shall be inspected periodically throughout the day and at the end of each workday by the Designated Biologist or a Biological Monitor. Should a tortoise or other wildlife become trapped, the Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor shall remove and relocate the individual as described in the Desert Tortoise Relocation/Translocation Plan. Any wildlife encountered during the course of construction shall be allowed to leave the construction area unharmed.

- b. Avoid Entrapment of Desert Tortoise. Any construction pipe, culvert, or similar structure with a diameter greater than 3 inches, stored less than 8 inches aboveground and within desert tortoise habitat (i.e., outside the permanently fenced area) for one or more nights, shall be inspected for tortoises before the material is moved, buried or capped. As an alternative, all such structures may be capped before being stored outside the fenced area, or placed on pipe racks. These materials would not need to be inspected or capped if they are stored within the permanently fenced area after the clearance surveys have been completed.
- c. Cap Heliostat Holes. All holes drilled for heliostats shall be capped the same day they are drilled. Caps shall remain on the holes until heliostats are inserted into the holes, and shall be securely fastened and sufficiently sturdy to cover the heliostat holes indefinitely. The caps shall exclude all wildlife, and shall be inspected weekly by the Designated Biologist or Biological Monitors to ensure that the caps remain in place and that birds and terrestrial wildlife have not become trapped.

- 12. Minimize Standing Water. Water applied to construction areas and dirt roads for dust abatement shall use the minimal amount needed to meet safety and air quality standards in an effort to prevent the formation of puddles, which could attract desert tortoises, common ravens and coyotes to construction sites.

13. Dispose of Road Killed Animals. Road killed animals or other carcasses detected in the project area or on roads near the project area shall be picked up immediately and delivered to the Biological Monitor. Within 1 working day of receipt of the carcass the Biological Monitor shall contact CDFG and/or USFWS for guidance on disposal or storage of the carcass.
14. On-site personnel shall photograph and record the location of all bird carcasses encountered within the solar fields, and shall provide the bird carcass, photograph, and location data to the Designated Biologist. The Designated Biologist shall identify the bird, ascertain a cause of death if possible, maintain a database of this information for all bird carcasses, and each year of operation shall provide a report summarizing this information to the CPM, BLM's Authorized Officer, CDFG and USFWS.
15. Minimize Spills of Hazardous Materials. All vehicles and equipment shall be maintained in proper working condition to minimize the potential for fugitive emissions of motor oil, antifreeze, hydraulic fluid, grease, or other hazardous materials. The Designated Biologist shall be informed of any hazardous spills immediately as directed in the project Hazardous Materials Plan. Hazardous spills shall be immediately cleaned up and the contaminated soil properly disposed of at a licensed facility. Servicing of construction equipment shall take place only at a designated area. Service/maintenance vehicles shall carry a bucket and pads to absorb leaks or spills.
16. Worker Guidelines. During construction all trash and food-related waste shall be placed in self-closing containers and removed daily from the site. Workers shall not feed wildlife or bring pets to the project site. Except for law enforcement personnel, no workers or visitors to the site shall bring firearms or weapons. Vehicular traffic shall be confined to existing routes of travel to and from the project site, and cross country vehicle and equipment use outside designated work areas shall be prohibited. The speed limit when traveling on Colosseum Road and other dirt access routes within desert tortoise habitat shall not exceed 20 miles per hour.
17. Monitor Ground Disturbing Activities Prior to Site Mobilization. If ground-disturbing activities are required prior to site mobilization, such as for geotechnical borings or hazardous waste evaluations, a Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor shall be present to monitor any actions that could disturb soil, vegetation, or wildlife.

Verification: All mitigation measures and their implementation

methods shall be included in the BRMIMP. Implementation of the measures shall be reported in the Monthly Compliance Reports by the Designated Biologist. Within 30 days after completion of project construction, the project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, for review and approval, a written construction termination report identifying how measures have been completed. The Designated Biologist shall provide to the CPM, BLM's Authorized Officer, CDFG, and USFWS an annual report summarizing all available data (species of carcass, date and location collected, and cause of death) describing bird and other carcasses collected within the project site each year.

**L. BIO-12:**

**RAVEN MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**BIO-12** The project owner shall implement a Raven Management Plan that is consistent with the most current USFWS-approved raven management guidelines, and which meets the approval of USFWS, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in consultation with the CDFG. The draft Raven Management Plan submitted by the applicant (CH2M Hill 2008f) shall provide the basis for the final plan, subject to review and revisions from USFWS, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in consultation with CDFG.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to start of any project-related ground disturbance activities, the project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM, USFWS, and CDFG with the final version of a Raven Management Plan that has been reviewed by USFWS, CDFG, BLM, and the Energy Commission staff. The CPM and BLM's Authorized Officer will determine the plan's acceptability within 15 days of receipt of the final plan. All modifications to the approved Raven Management Plan shall be made only after approval by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in consultation with CDFG and USFWS.

Within 60 days after completion of project construction, the project owner shall provide to the CPM for review and approval, a written report identifying which items of the Raven Management Plan have been completed, a summary of all modifications to mitigation measures made during the

project's construction phase, and which items are still outstanding.

**M. BIO-13:**

**WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**BIO-13** The project owner shall implement a Weed Management Plan that meets the approval of BLM and the CPM. The draft Weed Management Plan submitted by the applicant (CH2M Hill 2008e) shall provide the basis for the final plan, subject to review and approval by BLM and the CPM, and review and comment by USFWS and CDFG. In addition to describing weed eradication and control methods, and a reporting plan for weed management during and after construction, the final Weed Management Plan shall include at least the following Best Management Practices to prevent the spread and propagation of noxious weeds:

1. Limit the size of any vegetation and/or ground disturbance to the absolute minimum, and limit ingress and egress to defined routes.
2. Maintain vehicle wash and inspection stations and closely monitor the types of materials brought onto the site.
3. Reestablish vegetation quickly on disturbed sites.
4. Monitoring and rapid implementation of control measures to ensure early detection and eradication for weed invasions.
5. Use only weed-free straw or hay bales used for sediment barrier installations, and weed-free seed.
6. Reclamation and revegetation shall occur on all temporarily disturbed areas, including pipelines, transmission lines, and staging areas.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to start of any project-related ground disturbance activities, the project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with the final version of a Weed Management Plan. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM will determine the plan's acceptability within 15 days of receipt of the final plan. All modifications to the approved Weed Control Plan must be made only after consultation with BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in consultation with USFWS and CDFG.

Within 30 days after completion of project construction, the project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval, a written

report identifying which items of the Weed Management Plan have been completed, a summary of all modifications to mitigation measures made during the project's construction phase, and which items are still outstanding.

**N. BIO-14:**

**CLOSURE, REVEGETATION AND REHABILITATION PLAN**

**BIO-14<sup>1</sup>** The project owner shall develop and implement a revised Closure, Revegetation and Rehabilitation Plan (Plan) in cooperation with BLM and Energy Commission staff to guide site restoration and closure activities, including methods proposed for revegetation of disturbed areas immediately following construction and rehabilitation and revegetation upon closure of the facility. This plan must address preconstruction salvage and relocation of succulent vegetation from the site to an onsite nursery facility for storage and propagation of material to reclaim disturbed areas. In the case of unexpected closure, the plan assumes restoration activities would possibly take place prior to the anticipated lifespan of the plant. The Plan shall address all issues discussed in Biological Resources Appendix B: *Issues to Address in the Closure, Revegetation and Rehabilitation Plan*, and shall include but is not limited to the following elements in the revised plan:

1. Plan Purpose: The plan shall explicitly identify the objective of the revegetation plan to be re-creation of the types of habitats lost during construction and operation of the proposed solar energy facility. The final revegetation plan shall include introduction of mid- to late-successional species.
2. Standards/Monitoring: Performance standards for success thresholds, weed cover, performance monitoring methods and schedule, and maintenance monitoring in the revised Plan shall be conducted as described in Biological Resources Appendix B.
3. Baseline Surveys – Baseline vegetation surveys for planning restoration efforts shall be conducted as described in Biological Resources Appendix B.
4. Vegetation Clearing: Clearing of vegetation will be permitted on roads, utility routes, heliostat maintenance pathways, building and parking areas,

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant's Proposed Condition of Certification BIO-14 is substantially similar to the version proposed by Staff in its *Compilation of Edits to Recommended Conditions of Certification*, filed March 29, 2010. Applicant's Proposed version makes minor modifications to the plan elements outline in Sections 4, 6, and 7 of Staff's Proposed condition.



- and temporary staging areas.
5. Vegetation Mowing: Vegetation mowing shall be limited to areas adjoining vehicle pathways used for heliostat installation to allow installation of the heliostat pylon and allow for tracking clearance under the heliostat. Vegetation mowing may be repeated during the life of the facility to maintain appropriate clearance for heliostat tracking.
  6. Succulent Salvage: The revised Plan shall include a table that shows proposed succulent salvage by species the estimated number of plants onsite, the lower threshold height for salvage, the number in each size class, and the fate of plants not salvaged. An inventory of proposed succulent transplants shall be provided as described in Appendix A. Information gained from succulent transplant experience gained in ISEGS 1 shall be applied to future salvage operations, as described in Biological Resources Appendix B.
  7. Seed Handling: Seed collection, testing and application shall be conducted as described in Biological Resources Appendix B, with collection areas within 10 miles of the project boundaries and on similar terrain, soil, exposure, and elevation to the project site.
  8. Soil Preparation: Soil descriptions, compaction measurements, mulch application, soil storage, seed farming, mycorrhizal inoculation, and biological crust collection and storage shall be conducted as described in Biological Resources Appendix B. Soil stockpiles shall not be placed on areas that support special-status plant species or other sensitive biological resources.
  9. Weed Management. Weed management activities needed to control weeds resulting from mirror washing shall be conducted as described in Biological Resources Appendix B.
  10. Final Closure Plan. A Final Closure Plan, which addresses the final revegetation and rehabilitation activities upon closure and decommissioning of the project, shall be completed as part of the revised Plan. The Final Closure Plan shall include a cost estimate, adjusted for inflation, reflecting the costs of the revegetation, rehabilitation, and monitoring for the duration of time estimated to achieve the objective of re-creating plant communities impacted by the project.

Verification: No more than thirty (30) days from the Energy Commission Decision and BLM Record of Decision, the

project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with a draft version of the Closure, Revegetation and Rehabilitation Plan. At least sixty [60] days prior to start of any project-related ground disturbance activities, the project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with the final version of the Closure, Revegetation and Rehabilitation Plan that has been reviewed and approved by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. by BLM, USFWS, CDFG and approved by the CPM. All modifications to the approved Revegetation and Reclamation Plan must be made only after consultation with BLM's Authorized Officer the CPM.

Within 30 days after completion of project construction for each phase of development, the project owner shall provide to the CPM for review and approval, a written report identifying which items of the Plan have been completed, a summary of all modifications to mitigation measures made during the project's construction phase, and which items are still outstanding.

At least one year prior to planned closure and decommissioning the project owner shall submit to the BLM-Authorized Officer and the CPM a final Closure Plan for review to determine if revisions are needed. The project owner shall incorporate all required revisions to the final Closure Plan and submit to the BLM-Authorized Officer and the CPM no less than 90 days prior to the start of ground disturbing activities associated with closure and decommissioning activities.

**O. BIO-15:**

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION NEST SURVEYS**

**BIO-15** Pre-construction nest surveys shall be conducted if construction activities will occur from February 1 through August 31. The Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor conducting the surveys shall be experienced bird surveyors familiar with standard nest-locating techniques and shall perform surveys in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Surveys shall cover all potential nesting habitat in the project site or within 500 feet of the boundaries of the site and linear facilities;
2. At least two pre-construction surveys shall be conducted, separated by a minimum 10-day interval. One of the

surveys needs to be conducted within the 14-day period preceding initiation of construction activity. Additional follow-up surveys may be required if periods of construction inactivity exceed three weeks, an interval during which birds may establish a nesting territory and initiate egg laying and incubation;

3. If active nests are detected during the survey, a buffer zone (protected area surrounding the nest, the size of which is to be determined by the Designated Biologist in consultation with CDFG) and monitoring plan shall be developed. Nest locations shall be mapped and submitted, along with a report stating the survey results, to the CPM; and
4. The Designated Biologist shall monitor the nest until he or she determines that nestlings have fledged and dispersed; activities that might, in the opinion of the Designated Biologist, disturb nesting activities, shall be prohibited within the buffer zone until such a determination is made.

Verification: At least 10 days prior to the start of any project-related ground disturbance activities, the project owner shall provide the CPM a letter-report describing the findings of the pre-construction nest surveys, including the time, date, and duration of the survey; identity and qualifications of the surveyor (s); and a list of species observed. If active nests are detected during the survey, the report shall include a map or aerial photo identifying the location of the nest and shall depict the boundaries of the no-disturbance buffer zone around the nest.

**P. BIO-16:**

**BURROWING OWL IMPACT AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES**

**BIO-16** The project owner shall implement the following measures for the burrowing owl:

1. Complete a pre-construction survey for burrowing owls for any areas subject to disturbance from construction prior to the start of initial ground disturbance activities. If burrowing owls are present within 500 feet of the project site or linear facilities, then the CDFG burrowing owl guidelines (1995) shall be implemented;
2. Monitor burrowing owl pairs within 500 feet of any activities that exceed ambient noise and/or vibration

- levels;
3. Establish a 500-foot set back from any active burrow and construct additional noise/visual barriers (e.g., haystacks or plywood fencing) to shield the active burrow from construction activities. Post signs (in both English and Spanish) designating presence of sensitive area;
  4. Actively relocate all owls occupying burrows that will be temporarily or permanently impacted by the project and implement the following CDFG take avoidance measures:
    - a. Occupied burrows shall not be disturbed during the nesting season (February 1 – August 31) unless a qualified biologist can verify through non-invasive methods that egg laying/incubation has not begun or juveniles are foraging independently and able to fly;
    - b. A qualified biologist must relocate owls, confirm that owls have left burrows prior to ground-disturbing activities, and monitor the burrows. Once evacuation is confirmed, the biologist should hand excavate burrows and then fill burrows to prevent reoccupation; and
    - c. Relocation of owls shall be approved by and conducted in consultation with CDFG.
  5. Submit a Burrowing Owl Mitigation and Monitoring Plan to the CPM and CDFG for review and approval prior to relocation of owls (and incorporate it into the project's BRMIMP) as well as a construction termination report with results to CDFG and CPM 30 days after completing owl relocation and monitoring and at least 30 days prior to the start of commercial operation.

Verification: The project owner shall complete a pre-construction survey for burrowing owls for any areas subject to disturbance from construction no more than 30 days prior to the start of any project-related site disturbance activities, and submit a report to CDFG, USFWS, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that describes when surveys were completed, observations, mitigation measures, and the results of the mitigation. If burrowing owls are to be protected on site or relocated, the project owner shall coordinate with and report to CDFG, USFWS, BLM and Energy Commission staff on these proposed activities in a Burrowing Owl Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. Within

30 days after completion of owl relocation and monitoring, and the start of ground disturbance or at least 90 days prior to the sale of power, the project owner shall provide to the CDFG and CPM a written construction termination report identifying how measures have been completed.

**Q. BIO-17:**

**DESERT TORTOISE COMPENSATORY MITIGATION**

**BIO-17** The BLM applies a 1:1 compensation ratio to pursue desert tortoise recovery goals through implementation of regionwide management plans and land use planning as described in the NEMO (BLM 2002), the California Desert Conservation Act plan (BLM 1980 (Amended 1999)), as well as the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan (USFWS 1994). The Commission understands that BLM's compensation will include (1) a per acre assessment for the 3,583 acres or the area disturbed by the final project footprint, (2) a land acquisition fee, and (3) a BLM management fee. To compensate for desert tortoise habitat loss under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), the project owner shall provide to the BLM's Authorized Officer or other appropriate BLM official, compensatory mitigation at a 1:1 ratio at a per acre rate to be determined by the BLM in its sole and absolute discretion.

Verification: The project owner shall submit a report to the CPM at least 30 days prior to the start of any project-related site disturbance activities confirmation from BLM that the project owner has satisfied BLM desert tortoise compensatory mitigation obligations as administered by the BLM.

**R. BIO-18:**

**SPECIAL-STATUS PLANT IMPACT AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION**

**BIO-18** Prior to start of construction, the project owner shall submit a Special-Status Plant Avoidance, Protection and Monitoring Plan to BLM Authorized Officer for review and comment and to the CPM for review and approval. This plan will identify those areas on the project site that, to the greatest extent practicable considering engineering and construction constraints, can be avoided during project construction and operations. Since there are no federal- or

state-listed threatened or endangered plants on the project site, for the purposes of this Condition, “Special-Status” plants include the following plants designated as “Special Status” by the California Native Plant Society<sup>2</sup>: Mojave milkweed, Rusby’s desert mallow, desert pincushion, nine-awned pappus grass, and Parish’s club-cholla. Rusby’s desert-mallow is also listed as “Sensitive” by the BLM.

Verification: At least sixty (60) days before the commencement of construction, the project owner shall submit a Draft Special-Status Plant Avoidance, Protection and Monitoring Plan to the BLM’s Authorized Officer for review and comment and to the CPM for review and approval. The BLM and CPM shall provide comments on the Draft Special-Status Plant Avoidance, Protection and Monitoring Plan within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Draft. The project owner will offer to meet and confer with the BLM’s Authorized Officer and CPM before submission of the Draft Special Status Plant Avoidance and Protection Plan to discuss the Draft. The Draft Special Status Plant Avoidance and Protection Plan shall include the following:

- a. Special status plants that are feasible to protect will be designated on project engineering drawings and construction plans as Environmentally Sensitive Plant Areas (ESPAs). Desert pincushion and Parish’s club-cholla in the solar field will be salvaged and relocated to the Rare Plant Transplantation Area or other area as defined in the Final Rare Plant Avoidance, Protection, and Monitoring Plan. The goal is to avoid construction impacts to all Rusby’s desert mallow and most Mojave milkweed.
- b. Prior to construction, qualified botanists familiar with these Special-Status plants will identify localities to be protected. The limits of the locality will be demarked in the field with temporary flags and/or staking.
- c. Fencing (e.g., such as temporary construction fencing, netting, or mesh) will be used to clearly identify the ESPA to be avoided by construction personnel. The fencing requirements for each ESPA (e.g., dimensions of protective fencing around the plants) will also be determined in the field and corners will be staked. The exact fence dimensions would need to be field-fitted based on the size of the population and the particular

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<sup>2</sup> Fieldwork performed in March 2010, determined that there are no small-flowered androstephium on the site.

engineering constraints of that area. It is expected that very small localities of ESPA's composed of an individual plant will require a smaller protective fenced area than a larger population. It may not be possible to fence and protect some of the largest localities that span several feet in diameter; however, it may be possible to fence the "core" area that has the highest density of plants within each locality. Fenced areas will be constrained by the size of area needed to access and install the heliostat array and other project elements, and the area needed for operations and maintenance. A variety of heavy equipment will be used to complete project construction, and there needs to be sufficient room between the fenced ESPA locality and the power tower, heliostat, and other project elements to maintain safe construction and operation, consistent with OSHA requirements. In addition, the distance between the heliostat arrays vary. The distance between rows and between pylons is greater farther from the power towers and there is more room to work around fenced ESPA localities in these areas. In parts of the project area where heliostat rows are wider, protection of ESPAs will be as constrained.

- d. Fencing will be installed around the ESPAs that are to be protected. Fencing or netting will be installed according to the botanists' field flagging of ESPA corners. As-built drawings that show the location of fenced ESPAs will be prepared along with a report describing the number of Special-Status plant localities protected, by species.
- e. All ESPAs will be avoided during construction. ESPA fencing will be monitored during construction and repaired as necessary.
- f. ESPAs will be monitored for three (3) years following the completion of construction of each individual project (i.e., ISEGS 1, 2 and 3) to determine the presence of each Special-Status plant locality protected and if each locality is reproducing.
- g. Revegetation and Monitoring of Linear Construction Corridors: In the natural gas pipeline north of Ivanpah 3 and the Ivanpah 1 gen-tie line construction corridors where disturbed soils will be revegetated, the topsoil excavated shall be segregated, kept intact, and protected, under conditions shown to sustain seed bank viability. These areas will be revegetated

according to the Closure, Revegetation and Rehabilitation Plan outlined in BIO-14.

- h. Monitoring will be conducted by a qualified botanist familiar with the flora of the Mojave desert and monitoring results will be submitted in accordance with Condition of Certification COMPLIANCE-7 for three (3) years following completion of construction of each Ivanpah project.
- i. Develop Special-Status Plant Remedial Action Plan : The project owner shall develop a detailed Special-Status Plant Remedial Action Plan to be implemented if special-status plants within the ESPAs fail to meet success standards described in the Special-Status Plant Protection, Avoidance, and Monitoring Plan. The Special-Status Plant Remedial Action Plan shall include specifications for ex-situ/off-site conservation of seed and other propagules and other measures. The remedial measures described in the Special-Status Plant Remedial Action Plan shall not substitute for plant protection or other mitigation measures. The Special-Status Plant Remedial Action Plan shall include, at a minimum:
  - guidelines for seed collection (and/or other propagules) for each of the protected species;
  - specifications for collecting, storing, and preserving the upper layer of soil containing seed and important soil organisms;
  - for perennial species, describe the salvage and replanting methods to be used, along with success criteria, a description of monitoring methods, and a means for identifying when remedial action is needed; and
  - ecological specifications for suitable out-planting sites.

**S. BIO-19:**

**BIO-19<sup>3</sup>** To compensate for project impacts to Nelson's bighorn sheep the project owner shall finance, construct and manage an artificial water source in the eastern part of the Clark Mountain range or in the State Line Hills outside of designated Wilderness.

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<sup>3</sup> Applicant maintains that this condition is unnecessary as there is no evidence in the record to support a finding of significant impacts on Nelson's bighorn sheep.



Verification: Within 60 days of publication of the Energy Commission Decision the project owner shall submit to the BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM and CDFG a Draft Bighorn Sheep Mitigation Plan identifying a proposed location for the artificial water source and providing plans for its construction and management. At least 60 days prior to start of any project-related ground disturbance activities, the project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with the final version of the Bighorn Sheep Mitigation Plan that has been reviewed and approved by BLM, CDFG, and the Energy Commission staff. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM will determine the plan's acceptability within 30 days of receipt of the final plan.

No later than 18 months following the publication of the Energy Commission Decision, the project owner shall provide written verification to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that the construction of the artificial water source has been completed. At the same time, the project owner shall provide evidence of an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) and a funding mechanism to provide ongoing maintenance of the water source by CDFG or some other party approved by BLM's Authorized Office and the CPM.

**T. BIO-20:**

**BIO-20: LAKE AND STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT PROCESS**

Prior to commencement of construction in areas that affect the ephemeral washes on the Project site, the Project Owner shall obtain the final Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) for the Project.

Verification: The Applicant shall prepare and file with the CPM an Application for a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement satisfying the requirements of Fish & Game Code Section 1602. The CPM will notify the project owner that the Application is complete within 30 days of receipt. If the CPM determines, based upon the Application and the Commission's Decision, that the activity may substantially adversely affect an existing fish and wildlife resource, the CPM shall provide a draft agreement to the entity within 60 days. The draft agreement shall describe the fish and wildlife resources and the measures to protect those resources. The project owner then has 30 days to notify the CPM whether those

measures are acceptable. If the measures are not acceptable, the CPM and the Project owner are directed to reach mutual agreement or submit the dispute to a panel of arbitrators.

### **III. GENERAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND CLOSURE PLAN**

#### **A. COMPLIANCE-1**

**COMPLIANCE-1** BLM's Authorized Officer, responsible BLM staff, the CPM, responsible Energy Commission staff, and delegated agencies or consultants shall be guaranteed and granted unrestricted access to the power plant site, related facilities, project-related staff, and the records maintained on-site, for the purpose of conducting audits, surveys, inspections, or general site visits. Although BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM will normally schedule site visits on dates and times agreeable to the project owner, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM reserve the right to make unannounced visits at any time

#### **B. COMPLIANCE-2**

**COMPLIANCE-2** The project owner shall maintain project files on-site or at an alternative site approved by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for the life of the project, unless a lesser period of time is specified by the conditions of certification. The files shall contain copies of all "as-built" drawings, documents submitted as verification for conditions, and other project-related documents. As-built drawings of all facilities including linear facilities shall be provided to the BLM Authorized Officer for inclusion in the BLM administrative record within 90-days of completion of that portion of the facility or project.

BLM and Energy Commission staff and delegate agencies shall, upon request to the project owner, be given unrestricted access to the files maintained pursuant to this condition.

#### **C. COMPLIANCE-3**

**COMPLIANCE-3** Each condition of certification is followed by a means of verification. The verification describes the Energy Commission's procedure(s) to ensure post-certification

compliance with adopted conditions. The verification procedures, unlike the conditions, may be modified as necessary by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

Verification of compliance with the conditions of certification can be accomplished by the following:

1. Monthly and/or annual compliance reports, timely filed by the project owner or authorized agent, reporting on work done and providing pertinent documentation, as required by the specific conditions of certification;
2. Appropriate letters from delegate agencies verifying compliance;
3. BLM and Energy Commission staff audits of project records; and/or
4. BLM and Energy Commission staff inspections of work, or other evidence that the requirements are satisfied.

Verification lead times associated with start of construction may require the project owner to file submittals during the certification process, particularly if construction is planned to commence shortly after certification.

A cover letter from the project owner or authorized agent is required for all compliance submittals and correspondence pertaining to compliance matters. The cover letter subject line shall identify the project by AFC number, the appropriate condition(s) of certification by condition number(s), and a brief description of the subject of the submittal. The project owner shall also identify those submittals not required by a condition of certification with a statement such as: "This submittal is for information only and is not required by a specific condition of certification." When submitting supplementary or corrected information, the project owner shall reference the date of the previous submittal and BLM/CEC submittal number.

The project owner is responsible for the delivery and content of all verification submittals to the BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM, whether such condition was satisfied by work performed by the project owner or an agent of the project owner.

All hardcopy submittals shall be addressed to each of the following:

BLM's Authorized Officer (CACA-48668, 49502, 49503, and 49504) U.S. Bureau of Land Management 1303 South Highway 95 Needles, CA 92363	Compliance Project Manager (07-AFC-5C) California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street (MS-2000) Sacramento, CA 95814
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Those submittals shall be accompanied by a searchable electronic copy, on a CD or by e-mail, as agreed upon by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

If the project owner desires BLM and/or Energy Commission staff action by a specific date, that request shall be made in the submittal cover letter and shall include a detailed explanation of the effects on the project if that date is not met.

**D. COMPLIANCE-4**

**COMPLIANCE-4** Prior to commencing construction, a compliance matrix addressing only those conditions that must be fulfilled before the start of construction shall be submitted by the project owner to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. This matrix will be included with the project owner's first compliance submittal or prior to the first pre-construction meeting, whichever comes first. It will be submitted in the same format as the compliance matrix described below. In order to begin any on-site mobilization or surface disturbing activities on public land, the BLM Authorized Officer must approve a written Notice to Proceed (NTP). NTPs will be phased as appropriate to facilitate timely implementation of construction.

Construction shall not commence until the pre-construction matrix is submitted, all pre-construction conditions have been complied with, and BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM have issued a letter and BLM has issued a NTP to the project owner authorizing construction. Various lead times for submittal of compliance verification documents to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for conditions of certification are established to allow sufficient BLM and Energy Commission staff time to review and comment and, if necessary, allow the project owner to revise the submittal in a

timely manner. This will ensure that project construction may proceed according to schedule.

Failure to submit compliance documents within the specified lead-time may result in delays in authorization to commence various stages of project development.

If the project owner anticipates commencing project construction as soon as the project is certified, it may be necessary for the project owner to file compliance submittals prior to project certification. Compliance submittals should be completed in advance where the necessary lead time for a required compliance event extends beyond the date anticipated for start of construction. The project owner must understand that the submittal of compliance documents prior to project certification is at the owner's own risk. Any approval by Energy Commission staff is subject to change, based upon BLM's ROW Grant and the Energy Commission Decision.

#### COMPLIANCE REPORTING

There are two different compliance reports that the project owner must submit to assist BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in tracking activities and monitoring compliance with the terms and conditions of BLM's ROW Grant and the Energy Commission Decision. During construction, the project owner or authorized agent will submit Monthly Compliance Reports. During operation, an Annual Compliance Report must be submitted. These reports, and the requirement for an accompanying compliance matrix, are described below. The majority of the conditions of certification require that compliance submittals be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the monthly or annual compliance reports.

#### **E. COMPLIANCE-5**

**COMPLIANCE-5** A compliance matrix shall be submitted by the project owner to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM along with each monthly and annual compliance report. The compliance matrix is intended to provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with the current status of all conditions of certification in a spreadsheet format.

The compliance matrix must identify:

1. the technical area;

2. the condition number;
3. a brief description of the verification action or submittal required by the condition;
4. the date the submittal is required (e.g., 60 days prior to construction, after final inspection, etc.);
5. the expected or actual submittal date;
6. the date a submittal or action was approved by the Chief Building Official (CBO), BLM's Authorized Officer, CPM, or delegate agency, if applicable; and
7. the compliance status of each condition, e.g., "not started," "in progress" or "completed" (include the date).
8. if the condition was amended, the date of the amendment.

Satisfied conditions shall be placed at the end of the matrix.

**F. COMPLIANCE-6**

**COMPLIANCE-6** The first Monthly Compliance Report is due one month following the Energy Commission business meeting date upon which the project was approved, unless otherwise agreed to by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The first Monthly Compliance Report shall include the AFC number and an initial list of dates for each of the events identified on the Key Events List. The Key Events List Form is found at the end of this section.

During pre-construction and construction of each power plant, the project owner or authorized agent shall submit an original and an electronic searchable version of the Monthly Compliance Report within 10 working days after the end of each reporting month. Monthly Compliance Reports shall be clearly identified for the month being reported. The reports shall contain, at a minimum:

1. A summary of the current project construction status, a revised/updated schedule if there are significant delays, and an explanation of any significant changes to the schedule;
2. Documents required by specific conditions to be submitted

along with the Monthly Compliance Report. Each of these items must be identified in the transmittal letter, as well as the conditions they satisfy and submitted as attachments to the Monthly Compliance Report;

3. An initial, and thereafter updated, compliance matrix showing the status of all conditions of certification (fully satisfied conditions do not need to be included in the matrix after they have been reported as completed);
4. A list of conditions that have been satisfied during the reporting period, and a description or reference to the actions that satisfied the condition;
5. A list of any submittal deadlines that were missed, accompanied by an explanation and an estimate of when the information will be provided;
6. A cumulative listing of any approved changes to conditions of certification;
7. A listing of any filings submitted to, or permits issued by, other governmental agencies during the month;
8. A projection of project compliance activities scheduled during the next two months. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM as soon as any changes are made to the project construction schedule that would affect compliance with conditions of certification;
9. A listing of the month's additions to the on-site compliance file; and
10. A listing of complaints, notices of violation, official warnings, and citations received during the month, a description of the resolution of the resolved actions, and the status of any unresolved actions.

All sections, exhibits, or addendums shall be separated by tabbed dividers or as acceptable by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

**G. COMPLIANCE-7**

**COMPLIANCE-7** After construction of each power plant is complete or when a power plant goes into commercial

operation, the project owner shall submit Annual Compliance Reports instead of Monthly Compliance Reports. The reports are for each year of commercial operation and are due to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM each year at a date agreed to by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. Annual Compliance Reports shall be submitted over the life of the project unless otherwise specified by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. Each Annual Compliance Report shall include the AFC number, identify the reporting period and shall contain the following:

1. An updated compliance matrix showing the status of all conditions of certification (fully satisfied conditions do not need to be included in the matrix after they have been reported as completed);
2. A summary of the current project operating status and an explanation of any significant changes to facility operations during the year;
3. Documents required by specific conditions to be submitted along with the Annual Compliance Report. Each of these items must be identified in the transmittal letter, with the condition it satisfies, and submitted as attachments to the Annual Compliance Report;
4. A cumulative listing of all post-certification changes by the Energy Commission or changes to the BLM ROW grant or approved POD by BLM , or cleared by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM;
5. An explanation for any submittal deadlines that were missed, accompanied by an estimate of when the information will be provided;
6. A listing of filings submitted to, or permits issued by, other governmental agencies during the year;
7. A projection of project compliance activities scheduled during the next year;
8. A listing of the year's additions to the on-site compliance file;
9. An evaluation of the on-site contingency plan for unplanned facility closure, including any suggestions



necessary for bringing the plan up to date [see Compliance Conditions for Facility Closure addressed later in this section]; and

10. A listing of complaints, notices of violation, official warnings, and citations received during the year, a description of the resolution of any resolved matters, and the status of any unresolved matters.

**H. COMPLIANCE-8**

**COMPLIANCE-8:** Any information that the project owner deems confidential shall be submitted to the Energy Commission's Dockets Unit with an application for confidentiality pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 2505(a). Any information that is determined to be confidential shall be kept confidential as provided for in Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 2501 et. seq. Any information the ROW holder deems confidential shall be submitted to the BLM Authorized Officer with a written request for said confidentiality along with a justification for the request. All confidential submissions to BLM should be clearly stamped "proprietary information" by the holder when submitted.

**I. COMPLIANCE-9**

**COMPLIANCE-9:** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 25806(b) of the Public Resources Code, the project owner is required to pay the Energy Commission an annual compliance fee, which is adjusted annually. The amount of the fee for FY2009-2010 was \$19,823. The initial payment is due on the date the Energy Commission adopts the final decision. You will be notified of the amount due. All subsequent payments are due by July 1 of each year in which the facility retains its certification. The payment instrument shall be made payable to the California Energy Commission and mailed to: Accounting Office MS-02, California Energy Commission, 1516 9<sup>th</sup> St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

**J. COMPLIANCE-10**

**COMPLIANCE-10:** Prior to the start of construction, the project owner must send a letter to property owners living within one mile of the project notifying them of a telephone number to contact project representatives with questions, complaints or concerns. If the telephone is not staffed 24 hours per

day, it shall include automatic answering with date and time stamp recording. All recorded complaints shall be responded to within 24 hours. The telephone number shall be posted at the project site and made easily visible to passersby during construction and operation. The telephone number shall be provided to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM who will post it on the Energy Commission's web page at:  
[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/power\\_plants\\_contacts.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/power_plants_contacts.html)

Any changes to the telephone number shall be submitted immediately to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, who will update the web page.

In addition to the monthly and annual compliance reporting requirements described above, the project owner shall report and provide copies to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of all complaint forms, including noise and lighting complaints, notices of violation, notices of fines, official warnings, and citations, within 10 days of receipt. Complaints shall be logged and numbered. Noise complaints shall be recorded on the form provided in the NOISE conditions of certification. All other complaints shall be recorded on the complaint form (Attachment A).

**K. COMPLIANCE-11**

**COMPLIANCE-11:** In order to ensure that a planned facility closure does not create adverse impacts, a closure process that provides for careful consideration of available options and applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, standards, and local/regional plans in existence at the time of closure, will be undertaken. To ensure adequate review of a planned project closure, the project owner shall submit a revision or update to the approved Closure, Revegetation and Rehabilitation Plan to BLM and the Energy Commission for review and approval at least 12 months (or other period of time agreed to by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM) prior to commencement of closure activities. The project owner shall file 50 copies and 50 CDs with the Energy Commission and 10 copies and 10 CDs with BLM (or other number of copies agreed upon by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM) of a proposed facility closure plan/Closure, Revegetation and Rehabilitation Plan

The plan shall:

1. identify and discuss any impacts and mitigation to address significant adverse impacts associated with proposed closure activities and to address facilities, equipment, or other project related materials that must be removed from the site;
2. identify a schedule of activities for closure of the power plant site, transmission line corridor, and all other appurtenant facilities constructed as part of the project;
3. address conformance of the plan with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, standards, and local/regional plans in existence at the time of facility closure, and applicable conditions of certification; and
4. Address any changes to the site revegetation, rehabilitation, monitoring and long-term maintenance specified in the existing plan that are needed for site revegetation and rehabilitation to be successful.

Prior to submittal of an amended or revised Closure, Revegetation and Restoration Plan, a meeting shall be held between the project owner, BLM's Authorized Officer and the Energy Commission CPM for the purpose of discussing the specific contents of the plan.

In the event that there are significant issues associated with the proposed facility Closure, Revegetation and Restoration plan's approval, or the desires of local officials or interested parties are inconsistent with the plan, BLM's Authorized Officer the CPM shall hold one or more workshops and/or BLM and the Energy Commission may hold public hearings as part of its approval procedure.

As necessary, prior to or during the closure plan process, the project owner shall take appropriate steps to eliminate any immediate threats to public health and safety and the environment, but shall not commence any other closure activities until BLM and the Energy Commission approves the facility Closure, Revegetation and Restoration plan.

**L. COMPLIANCE-12**

**COMPLIANCE-12:** In order to ensure that public health and safety and the environment are protected in the event of an

unplanned temporary facility closure, it is essential to have an On-Site Contingency Plan in place. The On-Site Contingency Plan will help to ensure that all necessary steps to mitigate public health and safety impacts and environmental impacts are taken in a timely manner.

The project owner shall submit an On-Site Contingency Plan for BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM review and approval. The plan shall be submitted no less than 60 days (or other time agreed to by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM) after approval of any NTP or letter granting approval to commence construction for each phase of construction. A copy of the approved plan must be in place during commercial operation of the facility and shall be kept at the site at all times.

The project owner, in consultation with BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, will update the On-Site Contingency Plan as necessary. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM may require revisions to the On-Site Contingency Plan over the life of the project. In the annual compliance reports submitted to the Energy Commission, the project owner will review the On-Site Contingency Plan, and recommend changes to bring the plan up to date. Any changes to the plan must be approved by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The On-Site Contingency Plan shall provide for taking immediate steps to secure the facility from trespassing or encroachment. In addition, for closures of more than 90 days, unless other arrangements are agreed to by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, the plan shall provide for removal of hazardous materials and hazardous wastes, draining of all chemicals from storage tanks and other equipment, and the safe shutdown of all equipment. (Also see specific conditions of certification for the technical areas of Hazardous Materials Management and Waste Management.)

In addition, consistent with requirements under unplanned permanent closure addressed below, the nature and extent of insurance coverage, and major equipment warranties must also be included in the On-Site Contingency Plan. In addition, the status of the insurance coverage and major equipment warranties must be updated in the annual compliance reports.

In the event of an unplanned temporary closure, the project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, as well as other responsible agencies, by telephone, fax, or e-mail, within 24 hours and shall take all necessary steps to implement the On-Site Contingency Plan. The project owner shall keep BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM informed of the circumstances and expected duration of the closure.

If BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM determine that an unplanned temporary closure is likely to be permanent, or for a duration of more than 6 months, a Closure Plan consistent with the requirements for a planned closure shall be developed and submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 90 days of BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM's determination (or other period of time agreed to by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM).

**M. COMPLIANCE-13**

**COMPLIANCE-13:** The On-Site Contingency Plan required for unplanned temporary closure shall also cover unplanned permanent facility closure. All of the requirements specified for unplanned temporary closure shall also apply to unplanned permanent closure.

In addition, the On-Site Contingency Plan shall address how the project owner will ensure that all required closure steps will be successfully undertaken in the event of abandonment.

In the event of an unplanned permanent closure, the project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, as well as other responsible agencies, by telephone, fax, or e-mail, within 24 hours and shall take all necessary steps to implement the On-Site Contingency Plan. The project owner shall keep BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM informed of the status of all closure activities.

To ensure that public health and safety and the environment are protected in the event of an unplanned temporary closure, the project owner shall submit an On-Site Contingency Plan no less than 60 days after a NTP is issued for each phase of development.

**N. COMPLIANCE-14**

**COMPLIANCE-14:** The project owner must petition the Energy Commission pursuant to Title 20, California Code of

Regulations, section 1769, in order to modify the project (including linear facilities) design, operation or performance requirements, and to transfer ownership or operational control of the facility. The BLM ROW holder must file a written request in the form of an application to the BLM Authorized Officer in order to change the terms and conditions of their ROW grant or POD. Written requests will be in a manner prescribed by the BLM Authorized Officer.

It is the responsibility of the project owner to contact BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM to determine if a proposed project change should be considered a project modification pursuant to section 1769. Implementation of a project modification without first securing BLM and either Energy Commission or Energy Commission staff approval, may result in enforcement action in accordance with section 25534 of the Public Resources Code.

A Petition to Amend is required for changes to the project as specified below. For verification changes, a letter from the project owner is sufficient. In all cases, the petition or letter requesting a change should be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, who will file it with the Energy Commission's Dockets Unit in accordance with Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1209.

The criteria that determine which type of approval and the process that applies are explained below. They reflect the provisions of Section 1769 at the time this condition was drafted. If the Commission's rules regarding amendments are amended, the rules in effect at the time an amendment is requested shall apply.

#### Amendment

The project owner shall petition the Energy Commission, pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1769(a), when proposing modifications to the project (including linear facilities) design, operation, or performance requirements. If a proposed modification results in deletion or change of a condition of certification, or makes changes that would cause the project not to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations or standards, the petition will be processed as a formal amendment to the Energy Commission's final decision, which requires public notice and review of the BLM-

Energy Commission staff analysis, and approval by the full Energy Commission. The petition shall be in the form of a legal brief and fulfill the requirements of Section 1769(a). Upon request, the CPM will provide you with a sample petition to use as a template.

The ROW holder shall file an application to amend the BLM ROW grant for any substantial deviation or change in use. The requirements to amend a ROW grant are the same as when filing a new application including paying processing and monitoring fees and rent.

#### Change of Ownership

Change of ownership or operational control also requires that the project owner file a petition pursuant to section 1769(b). This process requires public notice and approval by the full Commission and BLM. The petition shall be in the form of a legal brief and fulfill the requirements of Section 1769(b). Upon request, the CPM will provide you with a sample petition to use as a template. The transfer of ownership of a BLM ROW grant must be through the filing of an application for assignment of the grant.

#### Insignificant Project Change

Modifications that do not result in deletions or changes to conditions of certification, and that are compliant with laws, ordinances, regulations and standards may be authorized by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM as an insignificant project change pursuant to section 1769(a) (2). This process usually requires minimal time to complete, and it requires a Energy Commission 14-day public review of the Notice of Insignificant Project Change that includes the BLM and Energy Commission staff's intention to approve the modification unless substantive objections are filed. These requests must also be submitted in the form of a "Petition to Amend" as described above. BLM and the Energy Commission intend to integrate a process to jointly approve insignificant project changes to avoid duplication of approval processes and ensure appropriate documentation for the public record.

#### Verification Change

A verification may be modified by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM without requesting an amendment to the ROW Grant or Energy Commission decision if the change does not conflict with the conditions of certification

and provides an effective alternate means of verification.

#### **IV. CULTURAL RESOURCES**

##### **A. CUL-1**

**CUL-1** Prior to the start of ground disturbance (includes “preconstruction site mobilization;” “construction ground disturbance;” and “construction grading, boring, and trenching,” as defined in the General Conditions for this project), the project owner shall obtain the services of a Cultural Resources Specialist (CRS), and one or more alternate CRSs, if alternates are needed. The CRS shall manage all consultation, monitoring, mitigation, curation, and reporting activities required in accordance with the Conditions of Certification (Conditions). The CRS may elect to obtain the services of Cultural Resource Monitors (CRMs) and other technical specialists, if needed, to assist in monitoring, mitigation, and curation activities. The project owner shall ensure that the CRS makes recommendations regarding the eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) of any cultural resources that are newly discovered or that may be affected in an unanticipated manner. No ground disturbance shall occur prior to CPM approval of the CRS, unless specifically approved by the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM. Approval of a CRS may be denied or revoked for non-compliance on this or other projects.

#### **CULTURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST**

The resumes for the CRS and alternate(s) shall include information demonstrating to the satisfaction of the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM that their training and background conform to the U.S. Secretary of Interior Guidelines, as published in the Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR Part 61. In addition, the CRS shall have the following qualifications:

1. The CRS’s qualifications shall be appropriate to the needs of the project and shall include a background in anthropology, archaeology, history, architectural history, or a related field; and
2. At least three years of archaeological or historic, as appropriate, resource mitigation and field experience in California.



The resume of the CRS shall include the names and telephone numbers of contacts familiar with the work of the CRS on referenced projects, and demonstrate that the CRS has the appropriate education and experience to accomplish the cultural resource tasks that must be addressed during ground disturbance, grading, construction, and operation.

### CULTURAL RESOURCES MONITORS

CRMs shall have the following qualifications:

1. a BS or BA degree in anthropology, archaeology, historical archaeology or a related field and one year experience monitoring in California; or
2. an AS or AA degree in anthropology, archaeology, historical archaeology or a related field, and four years experience monitoring in California; or
3. enrollment in upper division classes pursuing a degree in the fields of anthropology, archaeology, historical archaeology or a related field, and two years of monitoring experience in California.

### CULTURAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS

The resume(s) of any additional technical specialists, e.g., historical archaeologist, historian, architectural historian, and/or physical anthropologist, shall be submitted to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for approval.

#### Verification:

1. At least 45 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit the resume for the CRS, and alternate(s), if desired, to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.
2. At least 10 days prior to a termination or release of the CRS, or within 10 days after the resignation of a CRS, the project owner shall submit the resume of the proposed new CRS to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. At the same time, the project owner shall also provide to the approved new CRS the AFC and all cultural documents, field notes, photographs, and other cultural materials generated by the project. If there is no alternate CRS in place to conduct the duties of the CRS, a previously approved monitor may serve in place of a CRS so that

construction may continue up to a maximum of 3 days without a CRS. If cultural resources are discovered, then construction will remain halted until there is a CRS or alternate CRS to make a recommendation regarding significance.

3. At least 20 days prior to ground disturbance, the CRS shall provide a letter naming anticipated CRMs for the project and stating that the identified CRMs meet the minimum qualifications for cultural resource monitoring required by this Condition. If additional CRMs are obtained during the project, the CRS shall provide additional letters to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM identifying the CRMs and attesting to the qualifications of the CRMs, at least five days prior to the CRMs beginning on-site duties.
4. At least 10 days prior to beginning tasks, the resume(s) of any additional technical specialists shall be provided to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.
5. At least 10 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall confirm in writing to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that the approved CRS will be available for onsite work and is prepared to implement the cultural resources Conditions.

**B. CUL-2**

**CUL-2** Prior to the start of ground disturbance, if the CRS has not previously worked on the project, the project owner shall provide the CRS with copies of the AFC, data responses, and confidential cultural resources reports for the project. The project owner shall also provide the CRS, the BLM's Authorized Officer, and the CPM with maps and drawings showing the footprint of the power plant and all linear facilities. Maps shall include the appropriate USGS quadrangles and a map at an appropriate scale (e.g., 1:2000 or 1" = 200') for plotting cultural features or materials. If the CRS requests enlargements or strip maps for linear facility routes, the project owner shall provide copies to the CRS and CPM. The BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall review submittals and, in consultation with the CRS, approve those that are appropriate for use in cultural resources planning activities. No ground disturbance shall occur prior to CPM approval of maps and drawings, unless specifically approved by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

If construction of the project would proceed in phases, maps and drawings, not previously provided, shall be submitted prior to the start of each phase. Written notification identifying the proposed schedule of each project phase shall be provided to the CRS and CPM.

At a minimum, the CRS shall consult weekly with the project construction manager to confirm area(s) to be worked during the next week, until ground disturbance is completed, and the project owner shall ensure that the project construction manager is available for such weekly consultations.

The project owner shall notify the CRS and CPM of any changes to the scheduling of the construction phases. No ground disturbance shall occur prior to CPM approval of maps and drawings, unless specifically approved by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

Verification:

1. At least 40 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall provide the AFC, data responses, and confidential cultural resource documents to the CRS, if needed, and the subject maps and drawings to the CRS and CPM. The BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM will review submittals in consultation with the CRS and approve maps and drawings suitable for cultural resources planning activities.
2. If there are changes to any project related-footprint, revised maps and drawings shall be provided at least 15 days prior to start of ground disturbance and construction for those changes.
3. If project construction is phased, if not previously provided, the project owner shall submit the subject maps and drawings 15 days prior to each phase.
4. On a weekly basis during ground disturbance, a current schedule of anticipated project activity shall be provided to the CRS and CPM by letter, email, or fax.
5. Within five days of identifying changes, the project owner shall provide written notice of any changes to scheduling of construction phase.

**C. CUL-3**

**CUL-3** Prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit the Cultural Resources Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (CRMMP), as prepared by or under the direction of the CRS, to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. The CPM shall provide the project owner with a model CRMMP to adapt for project use. The CRMMP shall identify general and specific measures to minimize potential impacts to sensitive cultural resources. Implementation of the CRMMP shall be the responsibility of the CRS and the project owner. Copies of the CRMMP shall reside with the CRS, alternate CRS, each monitor, and the project owner's on-site construction manager. No ground disturbance shall occur prior to CPM approval of the CRMMP, unless specifically approved by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The CRMMP shall include, but not be limited to, the following elements and measures:

1. The following statement included in the Introduction:  
"Any discussion, summary, or paraphrasing of the Conditions in this CRMMP is intended as general guidance and as an aid to the user in understanding the Conditions and their implementation. The Conditions, as written in the Commission Decision, shall supersede any summarization, description, or interpretation of the Conditions in the CRMMP. The Cultural Resources Conditions of Certification from the Commission Decision are contained in Appendix A."
2. A proposed general research design that includes a discussion of archaeological research questions and testable hypotheses specifically applicable to the local prehistory and history of the project area, and a discussion of artifact collection, retention/disposal, and curation policies as related to the research questions formulated in the research design. The research design shall specify that the preferred treatment strategy for any buried archaeological deposits is avoidance. A mitigation plan shall be prepared for any NRHP-eligible resource (as determined by the BLM's Authorized Officer) or any CRHR-eligible resource (as determined by the CPM), impacts to which cannot be avoided. A prescriptive treatment plan may be included in the CRMMP for limited data types.

3. Specification of the implementation sequence and the estimated time frames needed to accomplish all project-related tasks during the ground disturbance and post-ground–disturbance analysis phases of the project.
4. Identification of the person(s) expected to perform each of the tasks, their responsibilities, and the reporting relationships between project construction management and the mitigation and monitoring team.
5. A description of the manner in which Native American observers or monitors will be included, the procedures to be used to select them, and their role and responsibilities.
6. A description of all impact avoidance measures (such as flagging or fencing), to prohibit or otherwise restrict access to sensitive resource areas that may be found during construction and/or operation and may subsequently need to be avoided, and identification of the areas where these measures are to be implemented. The description shall address how these measures would be implemented and how long they would be needed to protect the resources from project-related effects.
7. A statement that all cultural resources encountered shall be recorded on a DPR form 523 and mapped and photographed. In addition, all archaeological materials collected as a result of the archaeological investigations (survey, testing, and data recovery) shall be curated in accordance with the State Historical Resources Commission’s “Guidelines for the Curation of Archaeological Collections,” into a retrievable storage collection in a public repository or museum.
8. A statement that the project owner will pay all curation fees for artifacts recovered and for related documentation produced during cultural resources investigations conducted for the project. The project owner shall identify three possible curation facilities that could accept cultural resources materials resulting from project activities.
9. A statement that the CRS has access to equipment and supplies necessary for site mapping, photographing, and recovering any cultural resource materials that are

encountered during ground disturbance and that cannot be treated prescriptively.

10. A description of the contents and format of the Cultural Resource Report (CRR), which shall be prepared according to ARMR Guidelines.

Verification:

1. Upon approval of the CRS proposed by the project owner, the CPM will provide to the CRS an electronic copy of the model CRMMP.
2. At least 30 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit the subject CRMMP to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. Ground disturbance may not commence until the CRMMP is approved, unless specifically approved by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.
3. At least 30 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, a letter shall be provided to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM indicating that the project owner agrees to pay curation fees for any materials collected as a result of the archaeological investigations (survey, testing, data recovery).

**D. CUL-4**

**CUL-4** The project owner shall submit the Cultural Resources Report (CRR) to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for approval. The CRR shall be written by or under the direction of the CRS and shall be provided in the ARMR format. The CRR shall report on all field activities related to the implementation of the CRMMP including dates, times and locations, findings, samplings, and analyses. All survey reports, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 forms, and additional research reports not previously submitted to the California Historic Resource Information System (CHRIS) and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) shall be included as an appendix to the CRR.

If the project owner requests a suspension of ground disturbance and/or construction activities, then a draft CRR that covers all cultural resources activities associated with the project shall be prepared by the CRS and submitted to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval on the same day as the suspension/extension

request. The draft CRR shall be retained at the project site in a secure facility until ground disturbance and/or construction resumes or the project is withdrawn. If the project is withdrawn, then a final CRR shall be submitted to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval at the same time as the withdrawal request.

Verification:

1. Within 90 days after completion of ground disturbance (including landscaping), the project owner shall submit the CRR to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. If any reports have previously been sent to the CHRIS, then receipt letters from the CHRIS or other verification of receipt shall be included in an appendix.
2. Within 90 days after completion of ground disturbance (including landscaping), the project owner shall provide to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of an agreement with, or other written commitment from, a curation facility that meets the standards stated in the California State Historical Resources Commission's *Guidelines for the Curation of Archaeological Collections*, to accept cultural materials, if any, from this project. Any agreements concerning curation will be retained and available for audit for the life of the project.
3. Within 10 days after CPM approval of the CRR, the project owner shall provide documentation to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that copies of the CRR have been provided to the SHPO, the CHRIS, the curating institution, if archaeological materials were collected, and to the Chairperson(s) of any Native American groups requesting copies of project-related reports.
4. Within 30 days after requesting a suspension of construction activities, the project owner shall submit a draft CRR to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

**E. CUL-5**

**CUL-5** Prior to and for the duration of ground disturbance, the project owner shall provide Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training to all new workers

within their first week of employment at the project site and on the linear facilities. The training shall be prepared by the CRS, may be conducted by any member of the archaeological team, and may be presented in the form of a video. The CRS shall be available (by telephone or in person) to answer questions posed by employees. The training may be discontinued when ground disturbance, including landscaping, is completed. The training shall include:

1. A discussion of applicable laws and penalties under the law;
2. Samples or visuals of artifacts that might be found in the project vicinity;
3. A discussion of what such artifacts may look like when partially buried, or wholly buried and then freshly exposed;
4. A discussion of what prehistoric and historical archaeological deposits look like at the surface and when exposed during construction, and the range of variation in the appearance of such deposits;
5. Instruction that the CRS, alternate CRS, and CRMs have the authority to halt construction in the area of a discovery to an extent sufficient to ensure that the resource is protected from further impacts, as determined by the CRS;
6. Instruction that employees are to halt work on their own in the vicinity of a potential cultural resources discovery and shall contact their supervisor and the CRS or CRM, and that redirection of work would be determined by the construction supervisor and the CRS;
7. An informational brochure that identifies reporting procedures in the event of a discovery;
8. An acknowledgement form signed by each worker indicating that they have received the training; and
9. A sticker that shall be placed on hard hats indicating that environmental training has been completed.

No ground disturbance shall occur prior to implementation of the WEAP program, unless such activities are specifically approved by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

Verification:

1. At least 30 days prior to the beginning of ground disturbance, the CRS shall provide the training program draft text and graphics and the informational brochure to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review



and approval, and the CPM will provide to the project owner a WEAP Training Acknowledgement form for each WEAP-trained worker to sign.

2. On a monthly basis, the project owner shall provide in the Monthly Compliance Report (MCR) the WEAP Training Acknowledgement forms of persons who have completed the training in the prior month and a running total of all persons who have completed training to date.

**F. CUL-6**

**CUL-6** The project owner shall ensure that construction is immediately halted should anyone discover buried archaeological materials on the project site or linear facilities (Discovery). Archaeological materials may include, but are not limited to, such items as whole or fragmentary flaked or ground stone tools, stone flaking debris, discolored, fire-altered rock, animal bone, charcoal, ash, discolored, burned earth, rocks and minerals not common to the project site, and fragments of ceramic, glass, or metal. In the event of such a Discovery, the project owner shall ensure the immediate notification of the CRS, who shall either evaluate the NRHP and CRHR eligibility of the Discovery, in person, on the project site, or supervise the evaluations that a CRM or an appropriate cultural resources technical specialist would make of the historical significance of the Discovery, also in person, on the project. The recommendations of significance shall be substantiated by and reported to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM by the CRS. Redirection of ground disturbance shall be accomplished under the direction of the construction supervisor, in a manner agreed to by the CRS.

In the event cultural resources that are over 50 years of age or that may be considered NRHP- or CRHR-eligible are found, or impacts to such resources can be anticipated, construction shall be halted or redirected in the immediate vicinity of the Discovery sufficient to ensure that the resource is protected from further impacts. The halting or redirection of construction shall remain in effect until either the CRS, a CRM, or appropriate cultural resources technical specialist has made evaluations of the historical significance of the Discovery, and all of the following have also occurred:

1. The CRS has notified the project owner, and the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM have been

notified within 24 hours of the Discovery, or by Monday morning if the cultural resources Discovery occurs between 8:00 AM on Friday and 8:00 AM on Sunday morning, including a description of the Discovery (or changes in character or attributes), the action taken (i.e. work stoppage or redirection), recommendations of eligibility, and recommendations for mitigation of any cultural resources Discoveries, whether or not a determination of significance has been made.

2. The CRS has ensured completion of field notes, measurements, and photography for a DPR 523 primary form. The “Description” entry of the 523 form shall include a recommendation on the significance of the find. The project owner shall submit completed forms to the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM.
3. The CRS, the project owner, and the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM have conferred, and the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM have concurred with the recommended eligibility of the Discovery and approved the CRS’s proposed data recovery, if any, including the curation of the artifacts, or other appropriate mitigation; and any necessary data recovery and mitigation have been completed.
4. The CRS, the BLM’s Authorized Officer, and the CPM have conferred, and the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM have determined whether the Discovery reveals new information about the subsurface archaeological character of the project site that warrants the initiation of monitoring for portions of the project site.
5. When the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM make a determination that a Discovery does reveal new information about the subsurface archaeological character of the project site that warrants the initiation of monitoring for portions of the project site, the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM shall provide notification, by letter or e-mail, to the project owner and the CRS, where on the project site monitoring shall be necessary and why, and notification that CUL-7 shall be implemented for the subject portions of the project site.

Verification:

1. At least 30 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall provide the BLM’s

Authorized Officer, the CPM, and the CRS with a letter confirming that the CRS, alternate CRS, and CRMs have the authority to halt construction activities in the vicinity of a cultural resources Discovery, and that the project owner shall ensure that the CRS notifies the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 24 hours of a Discovery, or by Monday morning if the cultural resources Discovery occurs between 8:00 AM on Friday and 8:00 AM on Sunday morning.

2. Completed DPR form 523s shall be submitted to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval no later than 24 hours following the notification of the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, or 48 hours following the completion of data recordation/recovery, whichever is more appropriate for the subject cultural material.

**G. CUL-7**

**CUL-7** If there is a discovery of archaeological material, and after the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM notify the project owner and the CRS that the initiation of monitoring is necessary for portions of the project site or linear facilities, the project owner shall ensure that the CRS, alternate CRS, or CRMs shall monitor full time on the portions of the project site and linear facilities which the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM may specify, and ground disturbance full time on the portions of the laydown areas or other ancillary areas which the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM may also specify, to ensure there are no impacts to further undiscovered resources and to ensure that newly found resources are not further impacted in an unanticipated manner.

Full-time archaeological monitoring for this project shall be the archaeological monitoring of all earth-moving activities on the portions of the construction site or the linear facility routes which the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM may specify for as long as the activities are ongoing. Full-time archaeological monitoring shall require one monitor per active earthmoving machine working in archaeologically sensitive areas, as determined by the CRS in consultation with the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. If an excavation area is too large for one monitor to effectively observe the soil removal, one or more additional monitors shall be retained to observe the area.

In the event that the CRS determines that the current level of

monitoring is not appropriate in certain locations, a letter or e-mail detailing the justification for changing the level of monitoring shall be provided to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval prior to any change in the level of monitoring.

The research design in the CRMMP shall govern the collection, treatment, retention/disposal, and curation of any archaeological materials encountered.

On forms provided by the CPM, CRMs shall keep a daily log of any monitoring and other cultural resource activities and any instances of non-compliance with the Conditions and/or applicable LORS. Copies of the daily logs shall be provided to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM by the CRS as directed by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The CRS shall use these logs to compile a monthly summary report on the progress or status of cultural resources-related activities. If there are no monitoring activities, the summary report shall specify why monitoring has been suspended. The CRS or alternate CRS shall report daily to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM on the status of cultural resources-related activities at the project site, unless reducing or ending daily reporting is requested by the CRS and approved by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The CRS, at his or her discretion, or at the request of the BLM's Authorized Officer or the CPM, may informally discuss cultural resource monitoring and mitigation activities with Energy Commission technical staff.

Cultural resources monitoring activities are the responsibility of the CRS. Any interference with monitoring activities, removal of a monitor from duties assigned by the CRS, or direction to a monitor to relocate monitoring activities by anyone other than the CRS shall be considered non-compliance with these Conditions.

Upon becoming aware of any incidents of non-compliance with the Conditions and/or applicable LORS, the CRS and/or the project owner shall notify the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM by telephone or e-mail within 24 hours. The CRS shall also recommend corrective action to resolve the problem or achieve compliance with the Conditions. When the issue is resolved, the CRS shall write a report describing

the issue, the resolution of the issue, and the effectiveness of the resolution measures. This report shall be provided in the next MCR for the review of the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

A Native American monitor shall be obtained to monitor ground disturbance in areas where Native American artifacts may be discovered. Informational lists of concerned Native Americans and Guidelines for monitoring shall be obtained from the Native American Heritage Commission. Preference in selecting a monitor shall be given to Native Americans with traditional ties to the area that shall be monitored.

Verification:

1. At least 30 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the CPM will provide to the CRS an electronic copy of the form to be used as a daily monitoring log.
2. Daily, the CRS shall provide a statement that "no cultural resources over 50 years of age were discovered" to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM as an e-mail or in some other form acceptable to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. If the CRS concludes that daily reporting is no longer necessary, a letter or e-mail providing a detailed justification for the decision to reduce or end daily reporting shall be provided to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval at least 24 hours prior to reducing or ending daily reporting.
3. On a monthly basis, while monitoring is on-going, the project owner shall include in each MCR a copy of the monthly summary report of cultural resources-related monitoring prepared by the CRS. Copies of daily logs shall be retained by the project owner and made available for audit by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.
4. At least 24 hours prior to implementing a proposed change in monitoring level, documentation justifying the change shall be submitted to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

**H. CUL-8**

**CUL-8** Prior to the dismantling, by any party, of any portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line (CA-SBR-10315H) located with the boundaries of the project site, the project owner shall obtain the services of an architectural historian. The project owner shall provide the

BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with the name and resume of the architectural historian. No ground disturbance shall occur prior to CPM approval of the architectural historian, unless specifically approved by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The resume for the architectural historian shall include names and telephone numbers of contacts familiar with the architectural historian's work and all information needed to demonstrate that the architectural historian has the following qualifications:

1. meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Standards for architectural history;
2. has at least three years experience in recording twentieth-century industrial structures; and
3. has completed at least one recordation project within the past five years involving coordination with the National Park Service's Heritage Documentation Program (HDP).

Verification:

1. At least 90 days prior to the dismantling of any portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project site, the project owner shall submit the name and resume of the selected architectural historian to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.
2. At least 75 days prior to the dismantling of any portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project site, the project owner shall confirm in writing to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that the approved architectural historian is available for onsite work and provide a date by which the architectural historian will undertake the HAER-type documentation of the tower types and the cabling system of the portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project site.

**I. CUL-9**

**CUL-9** Prior to the dismantling, by any party, of any portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line (CA-SBR-10315H) located within the boundaries of the project site, the project owner shall ensure that the approved

architectural historian prepares HAER-type documentation of the historic context and historic setting of the resource, and recordation of those physical parts of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line that are located within the boundaries of the project site. The project owner shall ensure that the architectural historian consults with the HABS/HAER Coordinator in the Pacific West Regional Office of the HDP, in Oakland, and complies with the Coordinator's guidance on the extent and content of documentation appropriate for the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line, as a historical resource under CEQA and as a resource eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and on the format and materials to be used in the documentation. No dismantling of the Hoover Dam-to San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project area shall occur prior to the completion, by the architectural historian, of the recording, in the field, of the historic setting and the portion of the line located within the boundaries of the project site, and the submission to and approval by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the draft HAER-type documentation of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line, unless specifically allowed by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

Verification:

1. At least 60 days prior to the dismantling, by any party, of any portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project site, the project owner shall submit to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a letter or memorandum from the architectural historian detailing the scope of the HDP-recommended documentation of the resource.
2. At least 30 days prior to the dismantling, by any party, of any portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project site, the project owner shall provide a copy of the draft HAER-type documentation of the resource to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.
3. Within 90 days after completion of ground disturbance (including landscaping) the project owner shall include in an appendix to the CRR copies of the transmittal letters for the submission of copies of the final HAER-type documentation of the portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project site to the California State Library and to at least two local libraries in San Bernardino County, and a copy of the

letter of acceptance of the final HAER documentation by the Library of Congress, if accepted by that repository.

4. Alternately, at least 150 days prior to the dismantling, by any party, of any portion of the Hoover Dam-to-San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project site, the project owner may submit to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, for review and approval, a copy of final HAER-type documentation of the portion of the Hoover Damto-San Bernardino transmission line located within the boundaries of the project site produced by any party, that meets HAER-type standards. If the project owner chooses this alternative, within 90 days after completion of ground disturbance (including landscaping), the project owner shall include in an appendix to the CRR copies of the transmittal letters for the submission of copies of the alternative final HAER-type documentation to the California State Library and to at least two local libraries in San Bernardino County.

**J. CUL-10**

**CUL-10** If fill soils must be acquired from a non-commercial borrow site or disposed of to a non-commercial disposal site, unless less-than-five-year-old surveys of these sites for archaeological resources are documented to and approved by the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, the CRS shall survey the borrow and/or disposal site(s) for cultural resources and record on DPR 523 forms any that are identified. When the survey is completed, the CRS shall convey the results and recommendations for further action to the project owner, the BLM's Authorized Officer, and the CPM, who will determine what, if any, further action is required. If the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM determine that significant archaeological resources that cannot be avoided are present at the borrow site, all these conditions of certification shall apply. The CRS shall report on the methods and results of these surveys in the CRR.

Verification:

1. As soon as the project owner knows that a non-commercial borrow site and/or disposal site will be used, he/she shall notify the CRS and CPM and provide documentation of previous archaeological survey, if any, dating within the past five years, for CPM approval.
2. In the absence of documentation of recent archaeological survey, at least 30 days prior to any soil borrow or



disposal activities on the noncommercial borrow and/or disposal sites, the CRS shall survey the site/s for archaeological resources. The CRS shall notify the project owner, the BLM's Authorized Officer, and the CPM of the results of the cultural resources survey, with recommendations, if any, for further action.

**V. FACILITY DESIGN**

**A. CIVIL-1**

**CIVIL-1** The project owner shall submit to the CBO for review and approval the following:

1. Design of the proposed drainage structures and the grading plan;
2. An erosion and sedimentation control plan;
3. Related calculations and specifications, signed and stamped by the responsible civil engineer; and
4. Soils, geotechnical, or foundation investigations reports required by the 2007 CBC, Appendix J, section J104.3, Soils Report, and Chapter 18, section 1802.2, Foundation and Soils Investigation.

**Verification:** At least 15 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of site grading, the project owner shall submit the documents described above to the CBO for design review and approval. In the next monthly compliance report following the CBO's approval, the project owner shall submit a written statement certifying that the documents have been approved by the CBO.

**B. CIVIL-2**

**CIVIL-2** The resident engineer shall, if appropriate, stop all earthwork and construction in the affected areas when the responsible soils engineer, geotechnical engineer, or the civil engineer experienced and knowledgeable in the practice of soils engineering identifies unforeseen adverse soil or geologic conditions. The project owner shall submit modified plans, specifications, and calculations to the CBO based on these new conditions. The project owner shall obtain approval from the CBO before resuming earthwork and construction in the affected area (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 114, Stop Work Orders).

Verification: The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 24 hours, when earthwork and construction is stopped as a result of unforeseen adverse geologic/soil conditions. Within 24 hours of the CBO's approval to resume earthwork and construction in the affected areas, the project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the CBO's approval.

**C. CIVIL-3**

**CIVIL-3** The project owner shall perform inspections in accordance with the 2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 109, Inspections, and Chapter 17, section 1704, Special Inspections. All plant site-grading operations, for which a grading permit is required, shall be subject to inspection by the CBO.

If, in the course of inspection, it is discovered that the work is not being performed in accordance with the approved plans, the discrepancies shall be reported immediately to the resident engineer, the CBO, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM (2007 CBC, Chapter 17, section 1704.1.2, Report Requirements). The project owner shall prepare a written report, with copies to the CBO, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, detailing all discrepancies, non-compliance items, and the proposed corrective action.

Verification: Within 5 days of the discovery of any discrepancies, the resident engineer shall transmit to the CBO, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a non-conformance report (NCR) and the proposed corrective action for review and approval. Within 5 days of resolution of the NCR, the project owner shall submit the details of the corrective action to the CBO, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. A list of NCRs for the reporting month shall also be included in the following monthly compliance report.

**D. CIVIL-4**

**CIVIL-4** After completion of finished grading and erosion and sedimentation control and drainage work, the project owner shall obtain the CBO's approval of the final grading plans (including final changes) for the erosion and sedimentation control work. The civil engineer shall state that the work within his/her area of responsibility was done in accordance with the final approved plans (2007 CBC, Chapter 17, section

1703.2, Written Approval).

Verification: Within 30 days (or a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) of the completion of the erosion and sediment control mitigation and drainage work, the project owner shall submit to the CBO, for review and approval, the final grading plans (including final changes) and the responsible civil engineer's signed statement that the installation of the facilities and all erosion control measures were completed in accordance with the final approved combined grading plans and that the facilities are adequate for their intended purposes, along with a copy of the transmittal letter to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The project owner shall submit a copy of the CBO's approval to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the next monthly compliance report.

**E. ELEC-1**

**ELEC-1** Prior to the start of any increment of electrical construction for all electrical equipment and systems 480 volts or higher (see a representative list, below), with the exception of underground duct work and any physical layout drawings and drawings not related to code compliance and life safety, the project owner shall submit, for CBO design review and approval, the proposed final design, specifications, and calculations (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 106.1, Submittal Documents). Upon approval, the above-listed plans, together with design changes and design change notices, shall remain on the site or at another accessible location for the operating life of the project. The project owner shall request that the CBO inspect the installation to ensure compliance with the requirements of applicable LORS (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 109.6, Approval Required; section 109.5, Inspection Requests). All transmission facilities (lines, switchyards, switching stations, and substations) are handled in "Conditions of Certification" in the Transmission System Engineering section of this document.

A. Final plant design plans shall include:

1. One-line diagrams for the 13.8-kV, 4.16-kV, and 480-volt systems; and
2. System grounding drawings.

B. Final plant calculations must establish:

1. Short-circuit ratings of plant equipment;
2. Ampacity of feeder cables;

3. Voltage drop in feeder cables;
4. System grounding requirements;
5. Coordination study calculations for fuses, circuit breakers and protective relay settings for the 13.8-kV, 4.16-kV, and 480-volt systems;
6. System grounding requirements; and
7. Lighting energy calculations.

- C. The following activities shall be reported to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the monthly compliance report:
1. Receipt or delay of major electrical equipment;
  2. Testing or energization of major electrical equipment; and
  3. A signed statement by the registered electrical engineer certifying that the proposed final design plans and specifications conform to requirements set forth in the Energy Commission decision.

Verification: At least 30 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of each increment of electrical construction, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for design review and approval the above-listed documents. The project owner shall include in this submittal a copy of the signed and stamped statement from the responsible electrical engineer attesting compliance with the applicable LORS and shall send BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the transmittal letter in the next monthly compliance report.

**F. GEN-1**

**GEN-1** The project owner shall design, construct, and inspect the project in accordance with the 2007 California Building Standards Code (CBSC), also known as Title 24, California Code of Regulations, which encompasses the California Building Code (CBC), California Administrative Code, California Electrical Code, California Mechanical Code, California Plumbing Code, California Energy Code, California Fire Code, California Code for Building Conservation, California Reference Standards Code, and all other applicable engineering LORS in effect at the time initial design plans are submitted to the chief building official (CBO) for review and approval (the CBSC in effect is the edition that has been adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and published at least 180

days previously). The project owner shall ensure that all the provisions of the above applicable codes are enforced during the construction, addition, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, or maintenance of the completed facility (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 101.2, Scope). All transmission facilities (lines, switchyards, switching stations, and substations) are covered in the conditions of certification in the Transmission System Engineering section of this document.

In the event that the initial engineering designs are submitted to the CBO when the successor to the 2007 CBSC is in effect, the 2007 CBSC provisions shall be replaced with the applicable successor provisions. Where, in any specific case, different sections of the code specify different materials, methods of construction, or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern. Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern.

The project owner shall ensure that all contracts with contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers clearly specify that all work performed and materials supplied comply with the codes listed above.

Verification: Within 30 days following receipt of the certificate of occupancy, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the Compliance Project Manager (CPM) a statement of verification, signed by the responsible design engineer, attesting that all designs, construction, installation, and inspection requirements of the applicable LORS and the Energy Commission's decision have been met in the area of facility design. The project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the certificate of occupancy within 30 days of receipt from the CBO (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 110, Certificate of Occupancy).

Once the certificate of occupancy has been issued, the project owner shall inform BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM at least 30 days prior to any construction, addition, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, or maintenance to be performed on any portion(s) of the completed facility that requires CBO approval for compliance with the above codes. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM will then determine if the CBO needs to approve the work.

**G. GEN-2**

**GEN-2** Before submitting the initial engineering designs for CBO review, the project owner shall furnish BLM’s Authorized Officer, the CPM and the CBO with a schedule of facility design submittals and master drawing and master specifications lists. The schedule shall contain a list of proposed submittal packages of designs, calculations, and specifications for major structures and equipment. To facilitate audits by BLM’s Authorized Officer and/or Energy Commission staff, the project owner shall provide specific packages to BLM’s Authorized Officer and/or the CPM upon request.

Verification: At least 60 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of rough grading, the project owner shall submit to the CBO, BLM’s Authorized Officer and to the CPM the schedule, the master drawing and master specifications lists of documents to be submitted to the CBO for review and approval. These documents shall be the pertinent design documents for the major structures and equipment listed in Facility Design Table 2, below. Major structures and equipment shall be added to or deleted from the table only with BLM’s Authorized Officer and CPM approval. The project owner shall provide schedule updates in the monthly compliance report.

Facility Design Table 2  
Major Structures and Equipment List

Equipment/System	Quantity (Plant)
Turbine Generator Foundation and Connections	3
Boiler Structure, Foundation and Connections	10
Air Cooled Condenser Structure, Foundation and Connections	3
Feed Water Preheater Structure, Foundation and Connections	3
Deaerator Structure, Foundation and Connections	3
Steam Distributor Structure, Foundation and Connections	3
Water Treatment Plant, Administration and Electrical Building Structure Foundation and Connections	4
Water Storage Tanks Structure, Foundation and Connections	3
Maintenance Wing Structure, Foundation and Connections	3
Turbine Lubrication System Foundation and Connections	3
Emergency Generator Foundation and Connections	3
Diesel Fire Pump Foundation and Connections	3
Reheat Tower Structure, Foundation and Connections	3

Emergency Generator Exhaust Structure, Foundation and Connections	3
Pipe Bridge Structure, Foundation and Connections	3
Solar Fields and Towers Structures, Foundations and Connections	3 Lots
Evaporation Pits	3 Lots
Drainage Systems (including sanitary drain and waste)	3 Lots
High Pressure and Large Diameter Piping and Pipe Racks	3 Lots
HVAC and Refrigeration Systems	3 Lots
Temperature Control and Ventilation Systems (including water and sewer connections)	3 Lots
Building Energy Conservation Systems	3 Lots
Switchyard, Buses, and Towers	3 Lots
Substation	1 Lot
Electrical Duct Banks	3 Lots

**H. GEN-3**

**GEN-3** The project owner shall make payments to the CBO for design review, plan checks, and construction inspections, based upon a reasonable fee schedule to be negotiated between the project owner and the CBO. These fees may be consistent with the fees listed in the 2007 CBC (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 108, Fees; Chapter 1, section 108.4, Permits, Fees, Applications and Inspections), adjusted for inflation and other appropriate adjustments; may be based on the value of the facilities reviewed; may be based on hourly rates; or may be otherwise agreed upon by the project owner and the CBO.

Verification: The project owner shall make the required payments to the CBO in accordance with the agreement between the project owner and the CBO. The project owner shall send a copy of the CBO's receipt of payment to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the next monthly compliance report indicating that applicable fees have been paid.

**I. GEN-4**

**GEN-4** Prior to the start of rough grading, the project owner shall assign a California- registered architect, structural engineer, or civil engineer, as the resident engineer (RE) in charge of the project (2007 California Administrative Code, section 4-209, Designation of Responsibilities). All transmission facilities (lines, switchyards, switching stations, and substations) are addressed in the conditions of certification in the Transmission System Engineering section of this

document.

The RE may delegate responsibility for portions of the project to other registered engineers. Registered mechanical and electrical engineers may be delegated responsibility for mechanical and electrical portions of the project, respectively. A project may be divided into parts, provided that each part is clearly defined as a distinct unit. Separate assignments of general responsibility may be made for each designated part.

The RE shall:

1. Monitor progress of construction work requiring CBO design review and inspection to ensure compliance with LORS;
2. Ensure that construction of all facilities subject to CBO design review and inspection conforms in every material respect to applicable LORS, these conditions of certification, approved plans, and specifications;
3. Prepare documents to initiate changes in approved drawings and specifications when either directed by the project owner or as required by the conditions of the project;
4. Be responsible for providing project inspectors and testing agencies with complete and up-to-date sets of stamped drawings, plans, specifications, and any other required documents;
5. Be responsible for the timely submittal of construction progress reports to the CBO from the project inspectors, the contractor, and other engineers who have been delegated responsibility for portions of the project; and
6. Be responsible for notifying the CBO of corrective action or the disposition of items noted on laboratory reports or other tests when they do not conform to approved plans and specifications.

The RE shall have the authority to halt construction and to require changes or remedial work if the work does not meet requirements.

If the RE or the delegated engineers are reassigned or replaced, the project owner shall submit the name, qualifications, and registration number of the newly assigned engineer to the CBO for review and approval. The project owner shall



notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approval of the new engineer.

Verification: At least 30 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of rough grading, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for review and approval, the resume and registration number of the RE and any other delegated engineers assigned to the project. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approvals of the RE and other delegated engineer(s) within 5 days of the approval.

If the RE or the delegated engineer(s) is subsequently reassigned or replaced, the project owner has 5 days to submit the resume and registration number of the newly assigned engineer to the CBO for review and approval. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approval of the new engineer within 5 days of the approval.

**J. GEN-5**

**GEN-5** Prior to the start of rough grading, the project owner shall assign at least one of each of the following California registered engineers to the project: a civil engineer; a soils, geotechnical, or civil engineer experienced and knowledgeable in the practice of soils engineering; and an engineering geologist. Prior to the start of construction, the project owner shall assign at least one of each of the following California registered engineers to the project: a design engineer who is either a structural engineer or a civil engineer fully competent and proficient in the design of power plant structures and equipment supports; a mechanical engineer; and an electrical engineer. (California Business and Professions Code section 6704 et seq., and sections 6730, 6731, and 6736 require state registration to practice as a civil engineer or structural engineer in California.) All transmission facilities (lines, switchyards, switching stations, and substations) are handled in "Conditions of Certification" in the Transmission System Engineering section of this document.

The tasks performed by the civil, mechanical, electrical, or design engineers may be divided between two or more engineers, as long as each engineer is responsible for a particular segment of the project (for example, proposed earthwork, civil structures, power plant structures, equipment

support). No segment of the project shall have more than one responsible engineer. The transmission line may be the responsibility of a separate California registered electrical engineer.

The project owner shall submit, to the CBO for review and approval, the names, qualifications, and registration numbers of all responsible engineers assigned to the project (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 104, Duties and Powers of Building Official).

If any one of the designated responsible engineers is subsequently reassigned or replaced, the project owner shall submit the name, qualifications and registration number of the newly assigned responsible engineer to the CBO for review and approval. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approval of the new engineer.

A. The civil engineer shall:

1. Review the foundation investigations, geotechnical, or soils reports prepared by the soils engineer, the geotechnical engineer, or by a civil engineer experienced and knowledgeable in the practice of soils engineering;
2. Design (or be responsible for the design of), stamp, and sign all plans, calculations, and specifications for proposed site work, civil works, and related facilities requiring design review and inspection by the CBO. At a minimum, these include: grading, site preparation, excavation, compaction, construction of secondary containment, foundations, erosion and sedimentation control structures, drainage facilities, underground utilities, culverts, site access roads and sanitary sewer systems; and
3. Provide consultation to the RE during the construction phase of the project and recommend changes in the design of the civil works facilities and changes to the construction procedures.

B. The soils engineer, geotechnical engineer, or civil engineer experienced and knowledgeable in the practice of soils engineering, shall:

1. Review all the engineering geology reports;
2. Prepare the foundation investigations, geotechnical, or soils reports containing field exploration reports, laboratory tests, and engineering analysis detailing

the nature and extent of the soils that could be susceptible to liquefaction, rapid settlement, or collapse when saturated under load (2007 CBC, Appendix J, section J104.3, Soils Report; Chapter 18, section 1802.2, Foundation and Soils Investigations);

3. Be present, as required, during site grading and earthwork to provide consultation and monitor compliance with requirements set forth in the 2007 CBC, Appendix J, section J105, Inspections, and the 2007 California Administrative Code, section 4-211, Observation and Inspection of Construction (depending on the site conditions, this may be the responsibility of either the soils engineer, the engineering geologist, or both); and
4. Recommend field changes to the civil engineer and RE.

This engineer shall be authorized to halt earthwork and to require changes if site conditions are unsafe or do not conform to the predicted conditions used as the basis for design of earthwork or foundations (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 114, Stop Orders).

C. The engineering geologist shall:

1. Review all the engineering geology reports and prepare a final soils grading report; and
2. Be present, as required, during site grading and earthwork to provide consultation and monitor compliance with the requirements set forth in the 2007 California Administrative Code, section 4-211, Observation and Inspection of Construction (depending on the site conditions, this may be the responsibility of either the soils engineer, the engineering geologist, or both).

D. The design engineer shall:

1. Be directly responsible for the design of the proposed structures and equipment supports;
2. Provide consultation to the RE during design and construction of the project;
3. Monitor construction progress to ensure compliance with engineering LORS;
4. Evaluate and recommend necessary changes in design; and
5. Prepare and sign all major building plans,

specifications, and calculations.

- E. The mechanical engineer shall be responsible for, and sign and stamp a statement with, each mechanical submittal to the CBO, stating that the proposed final design plans, specifications, and calculations conform to all of the mechanical engineering design requirements set forth in BLM's Right-of-Way Decision and the Energy Commission's decision.
- F. The electrical engineer shall:
  - 1. Be responsible for the electrical design of the project; and
  - 2. Sign and stamp electrical design drawings, plans, specifications, and calculations.

Verification: At least 30 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of rough grading, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for review and approval, resumes and registration numbers of the responsible civil engineer, soils (geotechnical) engineer, and engineering geologist assigned to the project.

At least 30 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of construction, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for review and approval, resumes and registration numbers of the responsible design engineer, mechanical engineer, and electrical engineer assigned to the project.

The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approvals of the responsible engineers within 5 days of the approval.

If the designated responsible engineer is subsequently reassigned or replaced, the project owner has 5 days in which to submit the resume and registration number of the newly assigned engineer to the CBO for review and approval. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approval of the new engineer within 5 days of the approval.

**K. GEN-6**

**GEN-6** Prior to the start of an activity requiring special inspection, the project owner shall assign to the project a qualified and certified special inspector(s) who shall be responsible for the special inspections required by the 2007 CBC, Chapter 17, section 1704, Special Inspections; Chapter 17A, section 1704A, Special Inspections; and Appendix Chapter 1,

Section 109, Inspections. All transmission facilities (lines, switchyards, switching stations, and substations) are handled in “Conditions of Certification” in the Transmission System Engineering section of this document.

A certified weld inspector, certified by the American Welding Society (AWS), and/or American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) as applicable, shall inspect welding performed on site requiring special inspection (including structural, piping, tanks, and pressure vessels).

The special inspector shall:

1. Be a qualified person who shall demonstrate competence, to the satisfaction of the CBO, for inspection of the particular type of construction requiring special or continuous inspection;
2. Observe the work assigned for conformance with the approved design drawings and specifications;
3. Furnish inspection reports to the CBO and RE. All discrepancies shall be brought to the immediate attention of the RE for correction, then, if uncorrected, to the CBO, BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM for corrective action (2007 CBC, Chapter 17, section 1704.1.2, Report Requirements); and
4. Submit a final signed report to the RE, CBO, BLM’s Authorized Officer and CPM, stating whether the work requiring special inspection was, to the best of the inspector’s knowledge, in conformance with the approved plans, specifications, and other provisions of the applicable edition of the CBC.

Verification: At least 15 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of an activity requiring special inspection, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for review and approval, with a copy to BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM, the name(s) and qualifications of the certified weld inspector(s) or other certified special inspector(s) assigned to the project to perform one or more of the duties set forth above. The project owner shall also submit to BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the CBO’s approval of the qualifications of all special inspectors in the next monthly compliance report.

If the special inspector is subsequently reassigned or replaced, the project owner has 5 days in which to submit the name

and qualifications of the newly assigned special inspector to the CBO for approval. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approval of the newly assigned inspector within 5 days of the approval.

**L. GEN-7**

**GEN-7** If any discrepancy in design and/or construction is discovered in any engineering work that has undergone CBO design review and approval, the project owner shall document the discrepancy and recommend required corrective actions (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 109.6, Approval Required; Chapter 17, section 1704.1.2, Report Requirements). The discrepancy documentation shall be submitted to the CBO for review and approval. The discrepancy documentation shall reference this condition of certification and, if appropriate, applicable sections of the CBC and/or other LORS.

**Verification:** The project owner shall transmit a copy of the CBO's approval of any corrective action taken to resolve a discrepancy to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the next monthly compliance report. If any corrective action is disapproved, the project owner shall advise BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, within 5 days, of the reason for disapproval and the revised corrective action to obtain CBO's approval.

**M. GEN-8**

**GEN-8** The project owner shall obtain the CBO's final approval of all completed work that has undergone CBO design review and approval. The project owner shall request the CBO to inspect the completed structure and review the submitted documents. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM after obtaining the CBO's final approval. The project owner shall retain one set of approved engineering plans, specifications, and calculations (including all approved changes) at the project site or at an alternative site approved by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM during the operating life of the project (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 106.3.1, Approval of Construction Documents). Electronic copies of the approved plans, specifications, calculations, and marked-up as-builts shall be provided to the CBO for retention by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

Verification: Within 15 days of the completion of any work, the project owner shall submit to the CBO, with a copy to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in the next monthly compliance report, (a) a written notice that the completed work is ready for final inspection, and (b) a signed statement that the work conforms to the final approved plans. After storing the final approved engineering plans, specifications, and calculations described above, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a letter stating both that the above documents have been stored and the storage location of those documents.

Within 90 days of the completion of construction, the project owner shall provide to the CBO three sets of electronic copies of the above documents at the project owner's expense. These are to be provided in the form of "read only" (Adobe .pdf 6.0) files, with restricted (password-protected) printing privileges, on archive quality compact discs.

**N. MECH-1**

**MECH-1** The project owner shall submit, for CBO design review and approval, the proposed final design, specifications, and calculations for each plant major piping and plumbing system listed in Facility Design Table 2, Condition of Certification GEN-2, above. Physical layout drawings and drawings not related to code compliance and life safety need not be submitted. The submittal shall also include the applicable QA/QC procedures. Upon completion of construction of any such major piping or plumbing system, the project owner shall request the CBO's inspection approval of that construction (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 106.1, Submittal Documents; section 109.5, Inspection Requests; section 109.6, Approval Required; 2007 California Plumbing Code, section 301.1.1, Approvals).

The responsible mechanical engineer shall stamp and sign all plans, drawings, and calculations for the major piping and plumbing systems, subject to CBO design review and approval, and submit a signed statement to the CBO when the proposed piping and plumbing systems have been designed, fabricated, and installed in accordance with all of the applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and industry standards (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 106.3.4, Design Professional in Responsible Charge), which may include, but are not limited to:

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) B31.1

- (Power Piping Code);
- ANSI B31.2 (Fuel Gas Piping Code);
- ANSI B31.3 (Chemical Plant and Petroleum Refinery Piping Code);
- ANSI B31.8 (Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Code);
- Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Part 5 (California Plumbing Code);
- Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Part 6 (California Energy Code, for building energy conservation systems and temperature control and ventilation systems);
- Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Part 2 (California Building Code); and
- San Bernardino County codes.

The CBO may deputize inspectors to carry out the functions of the code enforcement agency (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 103.3, Deputies).

Verification: At least 30 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of any increment of major piping or plumbing construction listed in Facility Design Table 2, Condition of Certification GEN-2, above, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for design review and approval the final plans, specifications, and calculations, including a copy of the signed and stamped statement from the responsible mechanical engineer certifying compliance with applicable LORS, and shall send BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the transmittal letter in the next monthly compliance report.

The project owner shall transmit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in the monthly compliance report following completion of any inspection, a copy of the transmittal letter conveying the CBO's inspection approvals.

**O. MECH-2**

**MECH-2** For all pressure vessels installed in the plant, the project owner shall submit to the CBO and California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA), prior to operation, the code certification papers and other documents required by applicable LORS. Upon completion of the installation of any pressure vessel, the project owner shall request the appropriate CBO and/or Cal/OSHA



inspection of that installation (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 109.5, Inspection Requests).

The project owner shall:

1. Ensure that all boilers and fired and unfired pressure vessels are designed, fabricated, and installed in accordance with the appropriate section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, or other applicable code. Vendor certification, with identification of applicable code, shall be submitted for prefabricated vessels and tanks; and
2. Have the responsible design engineer submit a statement to the CBO that the proposed final design plans, specifications, and calculations conform to all of the requirements set forth in the appropriate ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code or other applicable codes.

Verification: At least 30 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of on-site fabrication or installation of any pressure vessel, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for design review and approval the above-listed documents, including a copy of the signed and stamped engineer's certification, with a copy of the transmittal letter to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The project owner shall transmit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in the monthly compliance report following completion of any inspection, a copy of the transmittal letter conveying the CBO's and/or Cal/OSHA inspection approvals.

**P. MECH-3**

**MECH-3** The project owner shall submit to the CBO for design review and approval the design plans, specifications, calculations, and quality control procedures for any heating, ventilating, air conditioning (HVAC), or refrigeration system. Packaged HVAC systems, where used, shall be identified with the appropriate manufacturer's data sheets.

The project owner shall design and install all HVAC and refrigeration systems within buildings and related structures in accordance with the CBC and other applicable codes. Upon completion of any increment of construction,

the project owner shall request the CBO's inspection and approval of that construction. The final plans, specifications, and calculations shall include approved criteria, assumptions, and methods used to develop the design. In addition, the responsible mechanical engineer shall sign and stamp all plans, drawings, and calculations and submit a signed statement to the CBO that the proposed final design plans, specifications, and calculations conform with the applicable LORS (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 109.3.7, Energy Efficiency Inspections; section 106.3.4, Design Professionals in Responsible Charge).

Verification: At least 30 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of construction of any HVAC or refrigeration system, the project owner shall submit to the CBO the required HVAC and refrigeration calculations, plans, and specifications, including a copy of the signed and stamped statement from the responsible mechanical engineer certifying compliance with the CBC and other applicable codes, with a copy of the transmittal letter to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

**Q. STRUC-1**

**STRUC-1** Prior to the start of any increment of construction of any major structure or component listed in Facility Design Table 2 of Condition of Certification GEN-2, above, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for design review and approval the proposed lateral force procedures for project structures and the applicable designs, plans, and drawings for project structures. Proposed lateral force procedures, designs, plans, and drawings shall be those for the following items (from Table 2, above):

1. Major project structures;
2. Major foundations, equipment supports, and anchorage; and
3. Large field-fabricated tanks.

Construction of any structure or component shall not begin until the CBO has approved the lateral force procedures to be employed in designing that structure or component.

The project owner shall:

1. Obtain approval from the CBO of lateral force procedures proposed for project structures;
2. Obtain approval from the CBO for the final design plans, specifications, calculations, soils reports, and applicable quality control procedures. If there are conflicting requirements, the more stringent shall govern (for example, highest loads, or lowest allowable stresses shall govern). All plans, calculations, and specifications for foundations that support structures shall be filed concurrently with the structure plans, calculations, and specifications (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 109.6, Approval Required);
3. Submit to the CBO the required number of copies of the structural plans, specifications, calculations, and other required documents of the designated major structures prior to the start of on-site fabrication and installation of each structure, equipment support, or foundation (2007 California Administrative Code, section 4-210, Plans, Specifications, Computations and Other Data);
4. Ensure that the final plans, calculations, and specifications clearly reflect the inclusion of approved criteria, assumptions, and methods used to develop the design. The final designs, plans, calculations, and specifications shall be signed and stamped by the responsible design engineer (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 106.3.4, Design Professional in Responsible Charge); and
5. Submit to the CBO the responsible design engineer's signed statement that the final design plans conform to applicable LORS (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 106.3.4, Design Professional in Responsible Charge).

Verification: At least 60 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternative time frame) prior to the start of any increment of construction of any structure or component listed in Facility Design Table 2 of Condition of Certification GEN-2, above, the project owner shall submit to the CBO the above final design plans, specifications, and calculations, with a copy of the transmittal letter to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, in the next monthly compliance report, a copy

of a statement from the CBO that the proposed structural plans, specifications, and calculations have been approved and comply with the requirements set forth in applicable engineering LORS.

**R. STRUC-2**

**STRUC-2** The project owner shall submit to the CBO the required number of sets of the following documents related to work that has undergone CBO design review and approval:

1. Concrete cylinder strength test reports (including date of testing, date sample taken, design concrete strength, tested cylinder strength, age of test, type and size of sample, location and quantity of concrete placement from which sample was taken, and mix design designation and parameters);
2. Concrete pour sign-off sheets;
3. Bolt torque inspection reports (including location of test, date, bolt size, and recorded torques);
4. Field weld inspection reports (including type of weld, location of weld, inspection of non-destructive testing [NDT] procedure and results, welder qualifications, certifications, qualified procedure description or number [ref: AWS }); and
5. Reports covering other structural activities requiring special inspections shall be in accordance with the 2007 CBC, Chapter 17, section 1704, Special Inspections, and Section 1709.1, Structural Observations.

Verification: If a discrepancy is discovered in any of the above data, the project owner shall, within 5 days, prepare and submit an NCR describing the nature of the discrepancies and the proposed corrective action to the CBO, with a copy of the transmittal letter to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM (2007 CBC, Chapter 17, section 1704.1.2, Report Requirements). The NCR shall reference the condition(s) of certification and the applicable CBC chapter and section. Within 5 days of resolution of the NCR, the project owner shall submit a copy of the corrective action to the CBO and the CPM.

The project owner shall transmit a copy of the CBO's approval or disapproval of the corrective action to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 15 days. If disapproved, the project owner shall advise BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, within 5 days, the reason for disapproval, and the revised corrective action to obtain CBO's approval.

**S.     STRUC-3**

**STRUC-3** The project owner shall submit to the CBO design changes to the final plans required by the 2007 CBC, including the revised drawings, specifications, calculations, and a complete description of, and supporting rationale for, the proposed changes and shall give to the CBO prior notice of the intended filing (2007 CBC, Appendix Chapter 1, section 106.1, Submittal Documents; section 106.4, Amended Construction Documents; 2007 California Administrative Code, section 4-215, Changes in Approved Drawings and Specifications).

Verification:     On a schedule suitable to the CBO, the project owner shall notify the CBO of the intended filing of design changes and shall submit the required number of sets of revised drawings and the required number of copies of the other above-mentioned documents to the CBO, with a copy of the transmittal letter to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, via the monthly compliance report, when the CBO has approved the revised plans.

**T.     STRUC-4**

**STRUC-4** Tanks and vessels containing quantities of toxic or hazardous materials exceeding amounts specified in the 2007 CBC, Chapter 3, Table 307.1(2), shall, at a minimum, be designed to comply with the requirements of that chapter.

Verification:     At least 30 days (or within a project owner- and CBO-approved alternate time frame) prior to the start of installation of the tanks or vessels containing the above-specified quantities of toxic or hazardous materials, the project owner shall submit to the CBO for design review and approval final design plans, specifications, and calculations, including a copy of the signed and stamped engineer's certification. The project owner shall send copies of the CBO approvals of plan checks to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the following monthly compliance report. The project owner shall also transmit a copy of the CBO's inspection approvals to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the monthly compliance report following completion of any inspection.

## **VI. GEOLOGY**

### **A. GEO-1**

**GEO-1** The Soils Engineering Report required by Section 1802A of the 2007 CBC should specifically include laboratory test data, associated geotechnical engineering analyses, and a thorough discussion of the potential for liquefaction; settlement due to compressible soils, subsidence associated with shrinkage of clay soils, hydrocompaction, or dynamic compaction; and the presence of expansive clay soils. The report should also include recommendations for ground improvement and/or foundation systems necessary to mitigate these potential geologic hazards, if present.

Verification: The project owner shall include in the application for a grading permit a copy of the Soils Engineering Report which addresses the potential for liquefaction; settlement due to compressible soils, groundwater withdrawal, hydrocompaction, or dynamic compaction; and the possible presence of expansive clay soils, and a summary of how the results of the analyses were incorporated into the project foundation and grading plan design for review and comment by the Chief Building Official (CBO). A copy of the Soils Engineering Report, application for grading permit and any comments by the CBO are to be provided to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM at least 30 days prior to grading.

## **VII. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

### **A. HAZ-1**

**HAZ-1** The project owner shall not use any hazardous materials not listed in Hazardous Materials Appendix A, below, or in greater quantities than those identified by chemical name in Hazardous Materials Appendix A, unless approved in advance by the BLM's Authorized Officer and Compliance Project Manager (CPM).

Verification: The project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the Annual Compliance Report, a list of hazardous materials contained at the facility.

### **B. HAZ-2**

**HAZ-2** The project owner shall concurrently provide a Hazardous Materials Business Plan to the Hazardous Materials

Division of the County of San Bernardino Fire Department, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review. After receiving comments from the Hazardous Materials Division of the County of San Bernardino Fire Department, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, the project owner shall reflect all received recommendations in the final documents. If no comments are received from the county within 30 days of submittal, the project owner may proceed with preparation of final documents upon receiving comments from BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. . Copies of the final Hazardous Materials Business Plan shall then be provided to the Hazardous Materials Division of the County of San Bernardino Fire Department for information and to the BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM for approval.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to receiving any hazardous material on the site for commissioning or operations, the project owner shall provide a copy of a final Hazardous Materials Business Plan to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for approval.

**C. HAZ-3**

**HAZ-3** The project owner shall develop and implement a Safety Management Plan for delivery of liquid hazardous materials. The plan shall include procedures, protective equipment requirements, training and a checklist. It shall also include a section describing all measures to be implemented to prevent mixing of incompatible hazardous materials. This plan shall be applicable during construction, commissioning, and operation of the power plant.

Verification: At least sixty (60) days prior to the delivery of any liquid hazardous material to the facility, the project owner shall provide a Safety Management Plan as described above to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

**D. HAZ-4**

**HAZ-4** At least thirty (30) days prior to commencing construction, a site-specific Construction Site Security Plan for the construction phase shall be prepared and made available to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to commencing construction, the project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that a site-specific Construction Security Plan is available for review and approval. The Construction Security Plan shall include the following:

1. Perimeter security consisting of fencing enclosing the construction area;
2. Security guards;
3. Site access control consisting of a check-in procedure or tag system for construction personnel and visitors;
4. Written standard procedures for employees, contractors and vendors when encountering suspicious objects or packages on-site or off-site;
5. Protocol for contacting law enforcement, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the event of suspicious activity or emergency; and
6. Evacuation procedures.

**E. HAZ-5**

**HAZ-5** The project owner shall prepare a site-specific Operation Security Plan for the operational phase, which shall be made available to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. The project owner shall implement site security measures addressing physical site security and hazardous materials storage.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to the initial receipt of hazardous materials on-site, the project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that a site-specific Operations Site Security Plan is available for review and approval. In the Annual Compliance Report, the project owner shall include a statement that all current project employee and appropriate contractor background investigations have been performed, and updated certification statements are appended to the Operations Security Plan. In the Annual Compliance Report, the project owner shall include a statement that the Operations Security Plan includes all current hazardous materials transport vendor certifications for security plans and employee background investigations.

The level of security to be implemented shall not be less than that described below (as per NERC 2002). The Operations Security Plan shall include the following:

1. Permanent full perimeter fence or wall, at least eight feet high around the Solar Field;



2. Main entrance security gate, either hand operable or motorized;
3. Evacuation procedures;
4. Protocol for contacting law enforcement, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the event of suspicious activity or emergency or conduct endangering the facility, its employees, or contractors; and
5. Written standard procedures for employees, contractors and vendors when encountering suspicious objects or packages on-site or off-site;
6.
  - a. A statement (refer to sample, attachment "A") signed by the project owner certifying that background investigations have been conducted on all project personnel. Background investigations shall be restricted to ascertain the accuracy of employee identity and employment history, and shall be conducted in accordance with state and federal law regarding security and privacy;
  
  - b. A statement(s) (refer to sample, attachment "B") signed by the contractor or authorized representative(s) for any permanent contractors or other technical contractors (as determined by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM after consultation with the project owner) that are present at any time on the site to repair, maintain, investigate, or conduct any other technical duties involving critical components (as determined by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM after consultation with the project owner) certifying that background investigations have been conducted on contractor personnel that visit the project site. Background investigations shall be restricted to ascertain the accuracy of employee identity and employment history, and shall be conducted in accordance with state and federal law regarding security and privacy;
7. Site access controls for employees, contractors, vendors, and visitors;
8. Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) monitoring system, recordable, and viewable in the power plant control room and security station (if separate from the control room) capable of viewing, at a minimum, the main entrance gate; and
9. Additional measures to ensure adequate perimeter security consisting of either:
  - a. Security guard present 24 hours per day, seven days per week, OR
  - b. Power plant personnel on-site 24 hours per day, seven

days per week and all of the following:

- 1) The CCTV monitoring system required in number 8 above shall include cameras that are able to pan, tilt, and zoom (PTZ), have low-light capability, are recordable, and are able to view 100% of the perimeter fence, the outside entrance to the control room, and the front gate from a monitor in the power plant control room; AND
- 2) Perimeter breach detectors or on-site motion detectors.

The project owner shall fully implement the security plans and obtain BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM approval of any substantive modifications to the security plans. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM may authorize modifications to these measures, or may require additional measures, such as protective barriers for critical power plant components (e.g., transformers, gas lines, compressors, etc.) depending on circumstances unique to the facility or in response to industry-related standards, security concerns, or additional guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Energy, or the North American Electrical Reliability Council, after consultation with appropriate law enforcement agencies and the applicant.

**F. HAZ-6**

**HAZ-6** The holder (project owner) shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder(s) shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, et seq.) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, Section 102b

Verification: A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal or State governmental entity as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM

concurrent with the filing of the report with the Federal or State governmental entity.

## **VIII. LAND USE**

### **A. LAND-1**

**LAND-1** The project owner shall obtain a Right-of-Way Grant (ROW Grant) and final approved Plan of Development from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prior to the start of construction of the project.

A bond, acceptable to BLM's Authorized Officer, shall be furnished by the project owner prior to the issuance of a Notice to Proceed with construction or at such earlier date as may be specified by BLM's Authorized Officer. The amount of this bond shall be determined by BLM's Authorized Officer.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to the start of construction and prior to any Notice to Proceed with construction issued by BLM's Authorized Officer, the project owner shall provide the CPM with documentation of the following:

- A. BLM's ROW Grant and final approved Plan of Development;
- B. The bond satisfactory to BLM's Authorized Officer

### **B. LAND-2**

**LAND-2** The project owner shall allow a setback between the (1) security and tortoise exclusion fence, and (2) the proposed ROW boundary. Once the fencing is constructed, all inspection, monitoring, and maintenance activities required outside of the fencing will occur on lands included within this setback area.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the start of construction, the project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with a revised project description and construction plans specifying the inclusion of a setback area. The setback area shall be a minimum 20 feet wide within the ROW boundaries between the tortoise fence and the ROW boundary on the upslope boundary of the ROW, and a minimum 8-12 foot wide between the

tortoise fence and ROW boundary on side and downslope boundaries. The project owner shall also provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with certification acknowledging that the ISEGS development and all related construction, operation, maintenance and closure activities are to be conducted within the ROW boundaries for the life of the project.

## **IX. NOISE**

### **A. NOISE-1**

**NOISE-1** Prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall notify the operator of the Primm Valley Golf Course, by mail or other effective means, of the commencement of project construction. At the same time, the project owner shall establish a telephone number for use by the public to report any undesirable noise conditions associated with the construction and operation of the project and include that telephone number in the above notice. If the telephone is not staffed 24 hours per day, the project owner shall include an automatic answering feature, with date and time stamp recording, to answer calls when the phone is unattended. This telephone number shall be posted at the project site during construction in a manner visible to passersby. This telephone number shall be maintained until the project has been operational for at least one year.

Verification: At least 15 days prior to ground disturbance, the project owner shall transmit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the Compliance Project Manager (CPM) a statement, signed by the project owner's project manager, stating that the above notification has been performed and describing the method of that notification, verifying that the telephone number has been established and posted at the site, and giving that telephone number.

### **B. NOISE-2**

**NOISE-2** Throughout the construction and operation of the ISEGS, the project owner shall document, investigate, evaluate, and attempt to resolve all project-related noise complaints. The project owner or authorized agent shall:

- Use the Noise Complaint Resolution Form (below), or a functionally equivalent procedure acceptable to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, to document and respond to each noise complaint;

- Attempt to contact the person(s) making the noise complaint within 24 hours;
- Conduct an investigation to determine the source of noise related to the complaint;
- Take all feasible measures to reduce the noise at its source if the noise is project related; and
- Submit a report documenting the complaint and the actions taken. The report shall include: a complaint summary, including final results of noise reduction efforts, and if obtainable, a signed statement by the complainant stating that the noise problem is resolved to the complainant's satisfaction.

Verification: Within 5 days of receiving a noise complaint, the project owner shall file a copy of the Noise Complaint Resolution Form with BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, documenting the resolution of the complaint. If mitigation is required to resolve a complaint, and the complaint is not resolved within a 3-day period, the project owner shall submit an updated Noise Complaint Resolution Form when the mitigation is implemented.

**C. NOISE-3**

**NOISE-3** The project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval a noise control program and a statement, signed by the project owner's project manager, verifying that the noise control program will be implemented throughout construction of the project. The noise control program shall be used to reduce employee exposure to high noise levels during construction and also to comply with applicable OSHA and Cal/OSHA standards.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM the noise control program and the project owner's project manager's signed statement. The project owner shall make the program available to Cal/OSHA upon request.

**D. NOISE-4**

**NOISE-4** The project design and implementation shall include appropriate noise mitigation measures adequate to ensure that operation of the project will not cause noise complaints from residents of Primm, Nevada, or from the operator of the Primm Valley Golf Course. If legitimate project-related noise complaints are received from

residents of Primm, the project owner shall perform a noise survey to demonstrate that noise levels due to plant operation do not exceed an average of 45 dBA<sub>Leq</sub> measured at the nearest residence of the community of Primm, Nevada. If legitimate project-related noise complaints are received from the operator of the Primm Valley Golf Course, the project owner shall perform a noise survey to demonstrate that noise levels due to plant operation do not exceed an average of 55 dBA<sub>Leq</sub> measured at the nearest boundary of the golf course. No new project components creating pure-tone noises will be added to the project unless they are balanced by other plant features. No single piece of equipment shall be allowed to stand out as a source of noise that draws legitimate complaints.

- A. The measurement of power plant noise for the purposes of demonstrating compliance with this condition of certification may alternatively be made at a location, acceptable to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, closer to the plant (e.g., 400 feet from the plant boundary) and this measured level then mathematically extrapolated to determine the plant noise contribution at the affected location. The character of the plant noise shall be evaluated at the affected residential locations to determine the presence of pure tones or other dominant sources of plant noise.

Verification: The survey shall take place within 30 days of the receipt of the noise complaint, unless the complaint has been resolved to the complaining party's satisfaction. Within 15 days after completing the survey, the project owner shall submit a summary report of the survey to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. Included in the survey report will be a description of any additional mitigation measures (if any) necessary to achieve compliance with the above-listed noise limit and a schedule, subject to BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM approval, for implementing these measures. When these measures are in place, the project owner shall repeat the noise survey.

Within 15 days of completion of the new survey, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a summary report of the new noise survey, performed

as described above and showing compliance with this condition.

**E. NOISE-5**

**NOISE-5** Following each phase (Ivanpah 1, Ivanpah 2, and Ivanpah 3) of the project's first achieving a sustained output of 80 percent or greater of rated capacity, the project owner shall conduct an occupational noise survey to identify the noise hazardous areas in the facility.

The surveys shall be conducted by a qualified person in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, California Code of Regulations sections 5095–5099 and Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations section 1910.95. The survey results shall be used to determine the magnitude of employee noise exposure.

The project owner shall prepare reports of the survey results and, if necessary, identify proposed mitigation measures that will be employed to comply with the applicable California and federal regulations.

Verification: Within 30 days after completing each survey, the project owner shall submit the noise survey report to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The project owner shall make the reports available to OSHA and Cal/OSHA upon request.

**F. NOISE-6**

**NOISE-6** Heavy equipment operation and noisy construction work that causes offsite annoyance as evidenced by the filing of a legitimate noise complaint shall be restricted to the 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. time period. Haul trucks shall be operated in accordance with posted speed limits. Truck engine exhaust brake use shall be limited to emergencies.

Verification: Prior to ground disturbance, the project owner shall transmit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a statement acknowledging that the above restrictions will be observed throughout the construction of the project.

**G. NOISE-7**

**NOISE-7** If a high-pressure steam blow is employed, the project owner shall equip steam blow piping with a temporary silencer or take other effective measures that quiet the noise of steam blows to no greater than 60 dBA measured at the Primm Valley Golf Club and no greater than 55 dBA

measured at any affected residential locations in Primm, NV. The project owner shall conduct high-pressure steam blows only during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If a low-pressure continuous steam blow is employed, the project owner shall limit the noise of steam blows to no greater than 45 dBA measured at any affected residential location in Primm, NV. In lieu of specifying the level of silencing above, the project owner may alternatively submit an analysis to the BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that documents that during either high or low pressure steam blows, steam blow noise levels would not exceed 60 dBA at the Primm Valley Golf Club (daytime), or 55 dBA (daytime)/45 dBA (nighttime) at the nearest residential location in Primm.

Verification: At least fifteen (15) days prior to the first high pressure steam blow, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM drawings or other information describing the temporary steam blow silencer or other noise attenuating measures to be taken, the noise levels expected and a description of the steam blow schedule.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to any low-pressure continuous steam blow, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM drawings or other information describing the process, including the noise levels expected and the projected time schedule for execution of the process.

## **X. PALEONTOLOGY**

### **A. PAL-1**

**PAL-1** The project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the Compliance Project Manager (CPM) with the resume and qualifications of its PRS for review and approval. If the approved PRS is replaced prior to completion of project mitigation and submittal of the Paleontological Resources Report, the project owner shall obtain BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM approval of the replacement PRS. The project owner shall keep resumes on file for qualified Paleontological Resource Monitors (PRMs). If a PRM is replaced, the resume of the replacement PRM shall also be provided to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The PRS resume shall include the names and phone numbers of references. The resume shall also demonstrate to the



satisfaction of BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM the appropriate education and experience to accomplish the required paleontological resource tasks.

As determined by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, the PRS shall meet the minimum qualifications for a vertebrate paleontologist as described in the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) guidelines of 1995. The experience of the PRS shall include the following:

1. Institutional affiliations, appropriate credentials, and college degree;
2. Ability to recognize and collect fossils in the field;
3. Local geological and biostratigraphic expertise;
4. Proficiency in identifying vertebrate and invertebrate fossils; and
5. At least three years of paleontological resource mitigation and field experience in California and at least one year of experience leading paleontological resource mitigation and field activities.

The project owner shall ensure that the PRS obtains qualified paleontological resource monitors to monitor as he or she deems necessary on the project. Paleontological Resource Monitors (PRMs) shall have the equivalent of the following qualifications:

- BS or BA degree in geology or paleontology and one year of experience monitoring in California; or
- AS or AA in geology, paleontology, or biology and four years' experience monitoring in California; or
- Enrollment in upper division classes pursuing a degree in the fields of geology or paleontology and two years of monitoring experience in California.

Verification: (1) At least 60 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit a resume and statement of availability of its designated PRS for on-site work.

(2) At least 20 days prior to ground disturbance, the PRS or project owner shall provide a letter with resumes naming anticipated monitors for the project, stating that the identified monitors meet the minimum qualifications for paleontological resource monitoring required by the condition. If additional monitors are obtained during the

project, the PRS shall provide additional letters and resumes to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The letter shall be provided to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM no later than one week prior to the monitor's beginning on-site duties.

(3) Prior to the termination or release of a PRS, the project owner shall submit the resume of the proposed new PRS to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

**B. PAL-2**

**PAL-2** The project owner shall provide to the PRS, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, for approval, maps and drawings showing the footprint of the power plants, construction lay down areas, and all related facilities. Maps shall identify all areas of the project where ground disturbance is anticipated. If the PRS requests enlargements or strip maps for linear facility routes, the project owner shall provide copies to the PRS, BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM. The site grading plan and plan and profile drawings for the utility lines would be acceptable for this purpose. The plan drawings should show the location, depth, and extent of all ground disturbances and be at a scale of 1 inch = 40 feet to 1 inch = 100 feet range. If the footprint of the project or its linear facilities change, the project owner shall provide maps and drawings reflecting those changes to the PRS, BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM.

If construction of the ISEGS project proceeds in phases, maps and drawings may be submitted prior to the start of each power plant. A letter identifying the proposed schedule of each project power plant shall be provided to the PRS, BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM. Before work commences on affected power plants, the project owner shall notify the PRS, BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM of any construction phase scheduling changes.

At a minimum, the project owner shall ensure that the PRS or PRM consults weekly with the project superintendent or construction field manager to confirm area(s) to be worked the following week, and until ground disturbance is completed.

Verification: (1) At least 30 days prior to the start of ground disturbance, the project owner shall provide the maps and drawings to the PRS, BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM.

(2) If there are changes to the footprint of the project, revised maps and drawings shall be provided to the PRS, BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM at least 15 days prior to the start of ground disturbance.

(3) If there are changes to the scheduling of the construction phases of each power plant, the project owner shall submit a letter to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 5 days of identifying the changes.

**C. PAL-3**

**PAL-3** If after review of the plans provided pursuant to PAL-2, the PRS determines that materials with moderate, high, or unknown paleontological sensitivity could be impacted, the project owner shall ensure that the PRS prepares, and the project owner submits to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval, a paleontological resources monitoring and mitigation plan (PRMMP) to identify general and specific measures to minimize potential impacts to paleontological resources. Approval of the PRMMP by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall occur prior to any ground disturbance. The PRMMP shall function as the formal guide for monitoring, collecting, and sampling activities, and may be modified with BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM approval. This document shall be used as the basis of discussion when on-site decisions or changes are proposed. Copies of the PRMMP shall reside with the PRS, each monitor, the project owner's on-site manager, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The PRMMP shall be developed in accordance with the guidelines of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP 1995) and shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

1. Assurance that the performance and sequence of project-related tasks, such as any literature searches, pre-construction surveys, worker environmental training, fieldwork, flagging or staking, construction monitoring, mapping and data recovery, fossil preparation and collection, identification and inventory, preparation of final reports, and transmittal of materials for curation will be performed according to PRMMP procedures;
2. Identification of the person(s) expected to assist with each of the tasks identified within the PRMMP and the conditions of certification;
3. A thorough discussion of the anticipated geologic units expected to be encountered, the location and depth of the

- units relative to the project when known, and the known sensitivity of those units based on the occurrence of fossils either in that unit or in correlative units;
4. An explanation of why, how, and how much sampling is expected to take place and in what units. Include descriptions of different sampling procedures that shall be used for fine-grained and coarse-grained units;
  5. A discussion of the locations of where the monitoring of project construction activities is deemed necessary, and a proposed plan for monitoring and sampling;
  6. A discussion of procedures to be followed in the event of a fossil discovery, halting construction, resuming construction, and how notifications will be performed;
  7. A discussion of equipment and supplies necessary for collection of fossil materials and any specialized equipment needed to prepare, remove, load, transport, and analyze large-sized fossils or extensive fossil deposits;
  8. Procedures for inventory, preparation, and delivery for curation into a retrievable storage collection in a public repository or museum, which meet the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's standards and requirements for the curation of paleontological resources;
  9. Identification of the institution that has agreed to receive data and fossil materials collected, requirements or specifications for materials delivered for curation, and how they will be met, and the name and phone number of the contact person at the institution; and
  10. A copy of the paleontological conditions of certification.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to ground disturbance, the project owner shall provide a copy of the PRMMP to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The PRMMP shall include an affidavit of authorship by the PRS, and acceptance of the PRMMP by the project owner evidenced by a signature.

**D. PAL-4**

**PAL-4** If after review of the plans provided pursuant to PAL-2, the PRS determines that materials with moderate, high, or unknown paleontological sensitivity could be impacted then, prior to ground disturbance and for the duration of construction activities involving ground disturbance, the project owner and the PRS shall prepare and conduct weekly BLM Authorized Officer- and CPM approved

training for the following workers: project managers, construction supervisors, foremen and general workers involved with or who operate ground-disturbing equipment or tools. Workers shall not excavate in sensitive units prior to receiving BLM Authorized Officer- and CPM-approved worker training. Worker training shall consist of an initial in-person PRS training during the project kick-off, for those mentioned above. Following initial training, a CPM-approved video or in-person training may be used for new employees. The training program may be combined with other training programs prepared for cultural and biological resources, hazardous materials, or other areas of interest or concern. No ground disturbance shall occur prior to BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM approval of the Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP), unless specifically approved by the CPM.

The WEAP shall address the possibility of encountering paleontological resources in the field, the sensitivity and importance of these resources, and legal obligations to preserve and protect those resources.

The training shall include:

1. A discussion of applicable laws and penalties under the law;
2. Good quality photographs or physical examples of vertebrate fossils for project sites containing units of high paleontological sensitivity;
3. Information that the PRS or PRM has the authority to halt or redirect construction in the event of a discovery or unanticipated impact to a paleontological resource;
4. Instruction that employees are to halt or redirect work in the vicinity of a find and to contact their supervisor and the PRS or PRM;
5. An informational brochure that identifies reporting procedures in the event of a discovery;
6. A WEAP certification of completion form signed by each worker indicating that he/she has received the training; and
7. A sticker that shall be placed on hard hats indicating that environmental training has been completed.

Verification: (1) At least 30 days prior to ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit the proposed WEAP, including the brochure, with the set of reporting procedures for workers to follow.

(2) At least 30 days prior to ground disturbance, the project owner shall submit the script and final video to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for approval if the project owner is planning to use a video for interim training.

(3) If the owner requests an alternate paleontological trainer, the resume and qualifications of the trainer shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval prior to installation of an alternate trainer. Alternate trainers shall not conduct training prior to BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM authorization.

(4) In the monthly compliance report (MCR, the project owner shall provide copies of the WEAP certification of completion forms with the names of those trained and the trainer or type of training (in-person or video) offered that month. The MCR shall also include a running total of all persons who have completed the training to date.

**E. PAL-5**

**PAL-5** The project owner shall ensure that the PRS and PRM(s) monitor consistent with the PRMMP all construction-related grading, excavation, trenching, and augering in areas where potential fossil-bearing materials have been identified, both at the site and along any constructed linear facilities associated with the project. In the event that the PRS determines full-time monitoring is not necessary in locations that were identified as potentially fossil-bearing in the PRMMP, the project owner shall notify and seek the concurrence of BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The project owner shall ensure that the PRS and PRM(s) have the authority to halt or redirect construction if paleontological resources are encountered. The project owner shall ensure that there is no interference with monitoring activities unless directed by the PRS.

Monitoring activities shall be conducted as follows:

1. Any change of monitoring from the accepted schedule in the PRMMP shall be proposed in a letter or email from the PRS and the project owner to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM prior to the change in monitoring and will be included in the monthly compliance report. The letter or email shall include the justification for the change in monitoring and be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM

- for review and approval.
2. The project owner shall ensure that the PRM(s) keep a daily monitoring log of paleontological resource activities. The PRS may informally discuss paleontological resource monitoring and mitigation activities with BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM at any time.
  3. The project owner shall ensure that the PRS notifies BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 24 hours of the occurrence of any incidents of non-compliance with any paleontological resources conditions of certification. The PRS shall recommend corrective action to resolve the issues or achieve compliance with the conditions of certification.
  4. For any paleontological resources encountered, either the project owner or the PRS shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 24 hours, or Monday morning in the case of a weekend event where construction has been halted because of a paleontological find.

The project owner shall ensure that the PRS prepares a summary of monitoring and other paleontological activities placed in the monthly compliance reports. The summary will include the name(s) of PRS or PRM(s) active during the month, general descriptions of training and monitored construction activities, and general locations of excavations, grading, and other activities. A section of the report shall include the geologic units or subunits encountered, descriptions of samplings within each unit, and a list of identified fossils. A final section of the report will address any issues or concerns about the project relating to paleontological resource monitoring, including any incidents of non-compliance or any changes to the monitoring plan that have been approved by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. If no monitoring took place during the month, the report shall include an explanation in the summary as to why monitoring was not conducted.

Verification: The project owner shall ensure that the PRS submits the summary of monitoring and paleontological activities in the MCR. When feasible, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall be notified 10 days in advance of any proposed changes in monitoring different from the plan identified in the PRMMP. If there is any unforeseen change in

monitoring, the notice shall be given as soon as possible prior to implementation of the change.

**F. PAL-6**

**PAL-6** The project owner, through the designated PRS, shall ensure that all components of the PRMMP are adequately performed including collection of fossil materials, preparation of fossil materials for analysis, analysis of fossils, identification and inventory of fossils, the preparation of fossils for curation, and the delivery for curation of all paleontological resource materials encountered and collected during project construction.

Verification: The project owner shall maintain in his/her compliance file copies of signed contracts or agreements with the designated PRS and other qualified research specialists. The project owner shall maintain these files for a period of three years after project completion and approval of BLM Authorized Officer- and CPM-approved paleontological resource report (see PAL-7). The project owner shall be responsible for paying any curation fees charged by the museum for fossils collected and curated as a result of paleontological mitigation. A copy of the letter of transmittal submitting the fossils to the curating institution shall be provided to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

**G. PAL-7**

**PAL-7** The project owner shall ensure preparation of a Paleontological Resources Report (PRR) by the designated PRS. The PRR shall be prepared following completion of the ground-disturbing activities. The PRR shall include an analysis of the collected fossil materials and related information, and submit it to the CPM for review and approval.

The report shall include, but is not limited to, a description and inventory of recovered fossil materials; a map showing the location of paleontological resources encountered; determinations of sensitivity and significance; and a statement by the PRS that project impacts to paleontological resources have been mitigated below the level of significance.

Verification: Within 90 days after completion of ground-disturbing activities, including landscaping, the project owner shall submit the PRR under confidential cover to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.



**XI. POWER PLANT EFFICIENCY**

NO CONDITIONS PROPOSED

**XII. POWER PLANT RELIABILITY**

NO CONDITIONS PROPOSED

**XIII. PUBLIC HEALTH**

NO CONDITIONS PROPOSED

**XIV. RECREATION**

**A. REC-1:**

APPLICANT PROPOSES THAT THIS CONDITION BE DELETED.

**XV. SOCIOECONOMICS**

NO CONDITIONS PROPOSED

**XVI. SOIL & WATER**

**A. SOIL & WATER-1**

**DRAINAGE EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN**

**SOIL & WATER-1:** Prior to site mobilization, the project owner shall obtain both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM's approval for a site specific DESCPC that ensures protection of water quality and soil resources of the project site and all linear facilities for both the construction and operation phases of the project. This plan shall address appropriate methods and actions, both temporary and permanent, for the protection of water quality and soil resources, demonstrate no increase in off-site flooding potential, and identify all monitoring and maintenance activities. The project owner shall complete all engineering plans, reports, and documents necessary for both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM to conduct a review of the proposed project and provide a written evaluation as to whether the proposed grading, drainage improvements, and flood management activities comply with all requirements presented herein. The plan shall be consistent with the grading and drainage plan as required by Condition of Certification CIVIL-1 and shall contain the following elements:

**Vicinity Map:** A map shall be provided indicating the

location of all project elements with depictions of all major geographic features to include watercourses, washes, irrigation and drainage canals, major utilities, and sensitive areas.

**Site Delineation:** The site and all project elements shall be delineated showing boundary lines of all construction areas and the location of all existing and proposed structures, underground utilities, roads, and drainage facilities. Adjacent property owners shall be identified on the plan maps. All maps shall be presented at a legible scale

**Drainage:** The DESCPC shall include the following elements:

- a. Topography. Topography for offsite areas are required to define the existing upstream tributary areas to the site and downstream to provide enough definition to map the existing storm water flow and flood hazard. Spot elevations shall be required where relatively flat conditions exist.
- b. Proposed Grade. Proposed grade contours shall be shown at a scale appropriate for delineation of onsite ephemeral washes, drainage ditches, and tie-ins to the existing topography.
- c. Hydrology. Existing and proposed hydrologic calculations for onsite areas and offsite areas that drain to the site; include maps showing the drainage area boundaries and sizes in acres, topography and typical overland flow directions, and show all existing, interim, and proposed drainage infrastructure and their intended direction of flow.
- d. Hydraulics. Provide hydraulic calculations to support the selection and sizing of the onsite drainage network, diversion facilities and BMPs.

**Watercourses and Critical Areas:** The DESCPC shall show the location of all onsite and nearby watercourses including washes, irrigation and drainage canals, and drainage ditches, and shall indicate the proximity of those features to the construction site. Maps shall identify high hazard flood prone areas.

**Clearing and Grading:** The plan shall provide a delineation of all areas to be cleared of vegetation, areas to be preserved, and areas where vegetation would be cut to allow clear movement of the heliostats. The plan shall provide

elevations, slopes, locations, and extent of all proposed grading as shown by contours, cross-sections, cut/fill depths or other means. The locations of any disposal areas, fills, or other special features shall also be shown. Existing and proposed topography tying in proposed contours with existing topography shall be illustrated. The DESCPC shall include a statement of the quantities of material excavated at the site, whether such excavations or fill is temporary or permanent, and the amount of such material to be imported or exported or a statement explaining that there would be no clearing and/or grading conducted for each element of the project. Areas of no disturbance shall be properly identified and delineated on the plan maps.

**Soil Wind and Water Erosion Control:** The plan shall address exposed soil treatments to be used during construction and operation of the proposed project for both road and non-road surfaces including specifically identifying all chemical based dust palliatives, soil bonding, and weighting agents appropriate for use at the proposed project site that would not cause adverse effects to vegetation; BMPs shall include measures designed to prevent wind and water erosion including application of chemical dust palliatives after rough grading to limit water use. All dust palliatives, soil binders, and weighting agents shall be approved by both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM prior to use.

**Project Schedule:** The DESCPC shall identify on the topographic site map the location of the site-specific BMPs to be employed during each phase of construction (initial grading, project element construction, and final grading/stabilization). BMP implementation schedules shall be provided for each project element for each phase of construction.

**Best Management Practices:** The DESCPC shall show the location, timing, and maintenance schedule of all erosion- and sediment-control BMPs to be used prior to initial grading, during project element excavation and construction, during final grading/stabilization, and after construction. BMPs shall include measures designed to control dust and stabilize construction access roads and entrances. The maintenance schedule shall include post-construction maintenance of treatment-control BMPs applied to disturbed areas following construction.

**Erosion Control Drawings:** The erosion-control drawings and narrative shall be designed, stamped and sealed by a professional engineer or erosion-control specialist.

**Agency Comments:** The DESCPC shall include copies of recommendations from the County of San Bernardino, California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

**Monitoring Plan:** Monitoring activities shall include routine measurement of the volume of accumulated sediment in the onsite drainage ditches, and storm water diversions and the requirements specified in Appendix B, C, and D.

Verification: The DESCPC shall be consistent with the grading and drainage plan as required by Condition of Certification CIVIL-1, and relevant portions of the DESCPC shall be submitted to the chief building official (CBO) for review and approval. In addition, the project owner shall do all of the following:

- a. No later than ninety (90) days prior to start of site mobilization, the project owner shall submit a copy of the DESCPC to the County of San Bernardino and, the RWQCB for review and comment. Both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall consider comments received from San Bernardino County and RWQCB and approve the DESCPC.
- b. During construction, the project owner shall provide an analysis in the monthly compliance report on the effectiveness of the drainage-, erosion- and sediment-control measures and the results of monitoring and maintenance activities.
- c. Once operational, the project owner shall provide in the annual compliance report information on the results of storm water BMP monitoring and maintenance activities.
- d. Provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with two (2) copies each of all monitoring or compliance reports.

**B. SOIL&WATER-2:**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

**SOIL&WATER-2:** The project owner shall comply with the

requirements specified in Appendix B, C, and D for dredge and fill, wastewater, and storm water discharges associated with construction and industrial activity. The project owner shall develop, obtain both BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM approval of, and implement a construction Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the construction of the project and an Industrial SWPPP for operation of the project.

Verification: At least sixty (60) days prior to construction, the project owner shall submit to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the construction SWPPP for construction of the project for review and approval. At least sixty (60) days prior to commercial operation, the project owner shall submit to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the Industrial SWPPP for operation of the project for review and approval prior to commercial operation. The project owner shall retain a copy on site. The project owner shall submit copies to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of all correspondence between the project owner and the RWQCB regarding the WDRs for discharge of storm water associated with construction and industrial activity within ten (10) days of its receipt or submittal.

**C. SOIL&WATER-3:**

**PROJECT GROUNDWATER WELLS**

**SOIL&WATER-3: Pre-Well Installation.** The project owner shall construct and operate up to two onsite groundwater wells that produce water from the IVGB. The project owner shall ensure that the wells are completed in accordance with all applicable state and local water well construction permits and requirements, including the San Bernardino County's Desert Groundwater Management Ordinance. Prior to initiation of well construction activities, the project owner shall submit for review and comment a well construction packet to the County of San Bernardino, in accordance with the County of San Bernardino Code Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 6, Article 5, containing the documentation, plans, and fees normally required for the county's well permit, with copies to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The project shall not construct a well or extract and use groundwater until both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM provides approval to construct and operate the well.

Post-Well Installation. The project owner shall provide documentation to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that the well has been properly completed. In accordance with California's Water Code section 13754, the driller of the well shall submit to the DWR a Well Completion Report for each well installed.

Verification: The project owner shall ensure the Well Completion Reports are submitted and shall ensure compliance with all county water well standards and requirements for the life of the wells. The project owner shall do all of the following:

1. No later than 90 days prior to the construction of the onsite groundwater wells, the project owner shall submit a Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan to the County of San Bernardino for review and comment (see Condition of Certification SOIL&WATER- 6).
2. No later than sixty (60) days prior to construction the project owner shall submit to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the water well construction packet submitted to the County of San Bernardino for review and comment.
3. No later than thirty (30) days prior to the construction of the onsite water supply wells, the project owner shall submit a copy of any written comments received from the County of San Bernardino indicating whether the proposed well construction activities comply with all county well requirements and meet the requirements established by the county's water well permit program.
4. No later than sixty (60) days after installation of each well at the project site, the project owner shall provide to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM copies of the Well Completion Reports submitted to the DWR by the well driller. The project owner shall submit to the CPM, together with the Well Completion Report, a copy of well drilling logs, water quality analyses, and any inspection reports.
5. During well construction and for the operational life of the well, the project owner shall submit two (2) copies each to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval any proposed well construction or operation changes.
6. The project owner shall provide BLM's authorized officer

and the CPM with (2) two copies each of all monitoring and other reports required for compliance with the County of San Bernardino water well standards and operation requirements.

7. No later than fifteen (15) days after completion of the onsite water supply wells, the project owner shall submit documentation to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM confirming that well drilling activities were conducted in compliance with Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 15, Discharges of Hazardous Wastes to Land, (23 CCR, sections 2510 et seq.) requirements and that any onsite drilling sumps used for project drilling activities were removed in compliance with 23 CCR section 2511(c).

**D. SOIL&WATER-4:**

**CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS WATER USE**

**SOIL&WATER-4:** The proposed project's use of groundwater during construction shall not exceed an average of 200 acre-feet per year over the forty-three (43) month construction period.

Groundwater use for operations activities shall not exceed 100 acre-feet per year. Prior to the use of groundwater for construction, the project owner shall install and maintain metering devices as part of the water supply and distribution system to document project water use and to monitor and record in gallons per day the total volume(s) of water supplied to the project from this water source. The metering devices shall be operational for the life of the project.

Verification: Beginning six (6) months after the start of construction, the project owner shall prepare a semi-annual summary of amount of water used for construction purposes. The summary shall include the monthly range and monthly average of daily water usage in gallons per day.

At least sixty (60) days prior to the start of construction of the proposed project, the project owner shall submit to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of evidence that metering devices have been installed and are operational.

The project owner shall prepare an annual summary, which will include daily usage, monthly range and monthly

average of daily water usage in gallons per day, and total water used on a monthly and annual basis in acre-feet. For years subsequent to the initial year of operation, the annual summary will also include the yearly range and yearly average water use by source. For calculating the total water use, the term “year” will correspond to the date established for the annual compliance report submittal.

**E. SOIL&WATER-5:**

**STORM WATER DAMAGE MONITORING AND RESPONSE PLAN**

**SOIL&WATER-5:** The project owner shall ensure that the heliostats are designed and installed to withstand storm water scour of that which may occur as a result of a 100-year storm event. The analysis of the storm event and resulting heliostat stability will be provided within a Pylon Insertion Depth and Heliostat Stability Report to be completed by the applicant. This analysis will incorporate results from site-specific geotechnical stability testing, as well as hydrologic and hydraulic stormwater modeling performed by the applicant. The modeling will be completed using methodology and assumptions approved by the CPM and BLM’s Authorized Officer.

The project owner shall also develop a Storm Water Damage Monitoring and Response Plan to evaluate potential impacts from storm water, including heliostats that fail due to storm water flow or otherwise break and scatter mirror debris on to the ground surface.

Verification: The basis for determination of pylon embedment depths shall employ a step-by-step process as identified below and approved by both the BLM’s Authorized Officer and the CPM:

- A. Determination of peak storm water flow within each sub-watershed from a 100- year event:
  - Use of San Bernardino County (SBC) Hydrology Manual to specify hydrologic parameters to use in calculations; and
  - HEC -1 and Flo-2D models will be developed to calculate storm flows from the mountain watersheds upstream of the project site, and flood flows at the project site, based upon hydrologic parameters from SBC.



- B. Determination of potential total pylon scour depth:
- Potential channel erosion depths will be determined using the calculated design flows, as determined in A above, combined with the methodology presented in “FAN, An Alluvial Fan Flooding Computer Program, FEMA, 1990.”
  - Potential local scour will be determined using the calculated design flows, as determined in A above, combined with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) equation for local bridge pier scour from the FHWA 2001 report, “Evaluating Scour at Bridges.”
- C. The results of the scour depth calculations and pylon stability testing will be used to determine the minimum necessary pylon embedment depth within the active portions of the alluvial fans. In the inactive portions of the alluvial fans that are not subject to channel erosion and local scour, the minimum pylon embedment depths will be based on the results of the pylon stability testing. Active versus inactive areas of the alluvial fans will be determined from the USGS 2006 Open-File Report “Preliminary Surficial Geologic Map of the Mesquite Lake 30’ x 60’ Quadrangle, California and Nevada” authored by Schmidt and McMackin and field observations.
- D. The results of the calculated peak storm water flows and channel erosion and heliostat scour analysis together with the recommended heliostat installation depths shall be submitted to the BLM’s authorized officer and CPM for review and approval sixty (60) days before the start of heliostat installation.
- E. The Storm Water Damage Monitoring and Response Plan shall be submitted to both the BLM’s authorized office and CPM for review and approval and shall include the following:
- Detailed maps showing the installed location of all heliostats within each project phase;
  - Description of the method of removing all soil spoils should any be generated;
  - Each heliostat should be identified by a unique ID number marked to show initial ground surface at its base, and the depth of the pylon below ground;

- Minimum Depth Stability Threshold to be maintained of pylons to meet long-term stability for applicable wind, water and debris loading effects;
- Above and below ground construction details of a typical installed heliostat;
- BMPs to be employed to minimize the potential impact of broken mirrors to soil resources;
- Methods and response time of mirror cleanup and measures that may be used to mitigate further impact to soil resources from broken mirror fragments; and
- Monitoring, documenting, and restoring the Ivanpah playa surface when impacted by sedimentation or broken mirror shards.

A plan to monitor and inspect periodically, before first seasonal and after every storm event:

- Security and Tortoise Exclusion Fence: Inspect for damage and buildup of sediment or debris
- Heliostats within Drainages or subject to drainage overflow: Inspect for tilting, mirror damage, depth of scour compared to pylon depth below ground and the Minimum Depth Stability Threshold, collapse, and downstream transport.
- Drainage Channels: Inspect for substantial migration or changes in depth, and transport of broken glass.
- Constructed Diversion Channels: Inspect for scour and structural integrity issues caused by erosion, and for sediment and debris buildup.
- Ivanpah Playa Surface: Inspect for changes in the surface texture and quality from sediment buildup, erosion, or broken glass.

Short-Term Incident-Based Response:

- Security and Tortoise Exclusion Fence: repair damage, and remove built-up of sediment and debris.
- Heliostats: Remove broken glass, damaged structure, and wiring from the ground, and for pylons no longer meeting the Minimum Depth Stability Threshold, either replace/reinforce or remove the mirrors to avoid exposure for broken glass.
- Drainage Channels: no short-term response necessary unless changes indicate risk to facility

structures.

- Constructed Diversion Channels: repair damage, maintain erosion control measures and remove built-up sediment and debris.

Long-Term Design-Based Response:

- Propose operation/BMP modifications to address ongoing issues. Include proposed changes to monitoring and response procedures, frequency, or standards.
- Replace/reinforce pylons no longer meeting the Minimum Depth Stability Threshold or remove the mirrors to avoid exposure for broken glass.
- Propose design modifications to address ongoing issues. This may include construction of active storm water management diversion channels and/or detention ponds.
- Inspection, short-term incident response, and long-term design-based response may include activities both inside and outside of the approved right-of-way. For activities outside of the approved right-of-way, the applicant will notify BLM and acquire environmental review and approval before field activities begin.

At least sixty (60) days prior to construction, the project owner shall submit to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the Pylon Insertion Depth and Heliostat Stability Report for review and approval prior to construction. At least sixty (60) days prior to commercial operation, the project owner shall submit to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the Storm Water Damage Monitoring and Response Plan for review and approval prior to commercial operation. The project owner shall retain a copy of this plan onsite at the power plant at all times. The project owner shall prepare an annual summary of the number of heliostats failed, cause of the failure, and cleanup and mitigation performed for each failed heliostat.

**F. SOIL&WATER-6:**

**GROUNDWATER LEVEL MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN**

**SOIL&WATER-6:** The project owner shall submit a Groundwater Level Monitoring and Reporting Plan to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval and to

San Bernardino County for review and comment regarding consistency with the County of San Bernardino Code Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 6, Article 5 (Desert Groundwater Management Ordinance). The Groundwater Level Monitoring and Reporting Plan shall provide a description of the methodology for monitoring background and site groundwater levels. Monitoring shall include pre-construction, construction, and project operation water use. The primary objective for the monitoring is to establish pre-construction and project related groundwater levels that can be quantitatively compared against observed and simulated levels near the project pumping well and near potentially impacted existing wells.

Prior to project construction, monitoring shall commence to establish pre-construction base-line conditions and shall incorporate the existing monitoring and reporting data collected for the Primm Valley Golf Club. The monitoring network shall be designed to incorporate the ongoing monitoring and reporting program established for the Primm Valley Golf Course. The monitoring plan and network may make use of existing wells in the basin that would satisfy the requirements for the monitoring program.

Verification: The project owner shall complete the following:

1. At least three (3) months prior to construction, a Groundwater Level Monitoring and Reporting Plan shall be submitted to the County of San Bernardino for review and comment before completion of Condition of Certification SOIL& WATER-3, and a copy of the County's comments and the plan shall be submitted to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. The Plan shall include a scaled map showing the site and vicinity, existing well locations, and proposed monitoring locations (both existing wells and new monitoring wells proposed for construction). The map shall also include relevant natural and manmade features (existing and proposed as part of this project). The plan also shall provide: (1) well construction information and borehole lithology for each existing well proposed for use as a monitoring well; (2) description of proposed drilling and well installation methods; (3) proposed monitoring well design; and, (4) schedule for completion of the work.

2. At least two (2) months prior to construction, a Well Monitoring Installation and Groundwater Level Network Report shall be submitted to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The report shall include a scaled map showing the final monitoring well network. It shall document the drilling methods employed, provide individual well construction as-buils, borehole lithology recorded from the drill cuttings, well development, and well survey results. The well survey shall measure the location and elevation of the top of the well casing and reference point for all water level measurements, and shall include the coordinate system and datum for the survey measurements. Additionally, the report shall describe the water level monitoring equipment employed in the wells and document their deployment and use.
3. As part of the monitoring well network development, all newly constructed monitoring wells shall be permitted and constructed consistent with San Bernardino County and State specifications.
4. At least two (2) months prior to project construction, all water level monitoring data shall be provided to both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The data transmittal shall include an assessment of pre-project water levels, a summary of available climatic information (monthly average temperature and rainfall records from the nearest weather station), and a comparison and assessment of water level data relative to the assumptions and spatial levels simulated by the applicant's groundwater model.
5. After project construction and during project operations, the project owner shall submit the monitoring data annually to both BLM's Authorized Office and the CPM. The summary shall document water level monitoring methods, the water level data, water level plots, and a comparison between pre- and post-project start-up water level trends. The report shall also include a summary of actual water use conditions, monthly climatic information (temperature and rainfall), and a comparison and assessment of water level data relative to the assumptions and spatial levels simulated by the applicant's groundwater model.

**G. SOIL&WATER-7:**

**WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

**SOIL&WATER-7:** The project owner shall recycle and reuse all process wastewater streams to the extent practicable. Prior to transport and disposal of any facility operation wastewaters that are not suitable for treatment and reuse onsite, the project owner shall test and classify the stored wastewater to determine proper management and disposal requirements. The project manager shall ensure that the wastewater is transported and disposed of in accordance with the wastewater's characteristics and classification and all applicable LORS (including any CCR Title 22 Hazardous Waste and Title 23 Waste Discharges to Land requirements).

Verification: Prior to transport and disposal of any facility operation wastewaters that are not suitable for treatment and reuse onsite, the project owner shall test and classify the stored wastewater to determine proper management and disposal requirements. The project manager shall ensure that the wastewater is transported and disposed of in accordance with the wastewater's characteristics and classification and all applicable LORS (including any CCR Title 22 Hazardous Waste and Title 23 Waste Discharges to Land requirements).

**H. SOIL&WATER-8:**

**SEPTIC SYSTEM AND LEACH FIELD REQUIREMENTS**

**SOIL&WATER-8:** Prior to the start of construction of the sanitary waste system, the project owner shall submit to the County of San Bernardino for review and comment, and to both the BLM's authorized officer and CPM for review and approval, plans for the construction and operation of the project's proposed sanitary waste septic system and leach field. These plans shall comply with the requirements set forth in County of San Bernardino codes and Appendices B, C, and D. Project construction shall not proceed until both BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM have approved the plans. The project owner shall remain in compliance with the San Bernardino County code requirements for the life of the project.

Verification: Sixty (60) days prior to the start of commercial operations, the project owner shall submit to the County of San Bernardino appropriate fees and plans for review and comment for the construction and operation of the project's sanitary waste septic system and leach field. A copy of

these plans shall be submitted to both the BLM's authorized officer and CPM for review and approval. The plans shall demonstrate compliance with the sanitary waste disposal facility requirements of County of San Bernardino and Appendices B, C, and D.

## **XVII. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION**

### **A. TRANS-1:**

#### **TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN**

**TRANS-1** Prior to start of construction of the ISEGS, the project owner shall prepare and implement a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) for ISEGS construction and operation traffic. The TCP shall address the movement of workers, vehicles, and materials, including arrival and departure schedules, and designated workforce and delivery routes.

The project owner shall consult with the County of San Bernardino and the Caltrans District 8 office in the preparation and implementation of the Traffic Control Plan and shall submit the proposed Traffic Control Plan to the County of San Bernardino and the Caltrans District 8 office in sufficient time for review and comment and to BLM's Authorized Officer and the Energy Commission Compliance Project Manager (CPM) for review and approval prior to the proposed start of construction and implementation of the plan. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall review and approve the TCP or identify any material deficiencies within thirty (30) days of receipt. The project owner shall provide a copy of any written comments from the County of San Bernardino and the Caltrans District 8 office and any changes to the Traffic Control Plan to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM prior to the proposed start of construction.

**Verification:** At least 90 calendar days prior to the start of construction, including any grading or site remediation on the power plant site or its associated easements, the project owner shall submit the proposed traffic control plan to the County of San Bernardino and the Caltrans District 8 office for review and comment and to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. The project owner shall also provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with a copy of the transmittal letter to the County of San Bernardino

and the Caltrans District 8 office requesting review and comment.

At least 30 calendar days prior to the start of construction, the project owner shall provide copies of any comment letters received from either the County of San Bernardino and the Caltrans District 8 office, along with any changes to the proposed traffic control plan to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

The Traffic Control Plan shall include:

- providing an incentive program to encourage construction workers to use van or bus service;
- limiting truck deliveries to the project site on Fridays to mornings only so they occur before 12:00 noon;
- redirection of construction traffic with a flag person as necessary to ensure traffic safety and minimize interruptions to non-construction related traffic flow;
- signage, lighting, and traffic control device placement at the project construction site and laydown areas;
- signage along eastbound and westbound Yates Well Road and at the entrance of each of the I-15 northbound and southbound off-ramps at Yates Well Road notifying drivers of construction traffic throughout the duration of the construction period;
- signage and detours to redirect traffic from Colosseum Road during construction activities related to roadway realignment and pipeline installation in and across the Colosseum Road right of way;
- a Heavy Haul Plan addressing the transport and delivery of heavy and oversized loads requiring permits from Caltrans or other state and federal agencies;
- a work schedule and end-of-shift departure plan will be implemented to limit Friday departures from the site, traveling north to Las Vegas to 12 or fewer vehicles every three minutes between 12:00 noon and 10:00 PM.

**B. TRANS-2:**

**REPAIR OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**TRANS-2** The project owner shall restore all public roads, easements, and rights-of-way that have been damaged due to project-related construction activities to original or near-original condition in a timely manner, as directed by the BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM. The project owner's



use of Yates Well Road shall not diminish the rights or use of the road by other BLM authorized users. Repairs and restoration of access roads may be required at any time during the construction phase of the project to assure safe ingress and egress.

Prior to the start of site mobilization, the project owner shall consult with the County of San Bernardino and Caltrans District 8 and notify them of the proposed schedule for project construction. The purpose of this notification is to request that the County of San Bernardino and Caltrans consider postponement of public right-of-way repair or improvement activities in areas affected by project construction until construction is completed and to coordinate with the project owner regarding any concurrent construction-related activities that are planned or in progress and cannot be postponed.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to the start of mobilization, the project owner shall photograph or videotape all affected public roads, easements, and right-of-way segment(s) and/or intersections and shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM, the affected local jurisdiction(s) and Caltrans (if applicable) with a copy of these images. The project owner shall rebuild, repair and maintain all public roads, easements, rights of-way in a usable condition throughout the construction phase of the project.

Prior to the start of site mobilization, the project owner shall consult with the County of San Bernardino and Caltrans District 8 and notify them of the proposed schedule for project construction. The purpose of this notification is to request that the County of San Bernardino and Caltrans consider postponement of public right-of-way repair or improvement activities in areas affected by project construction until construction is completed and to coordinate with the project owner regarding any concurrent construction-related activities that are planned or in progress and cannot be postponed.

Within 60 calendar days after completion of construction, the project owner shall meet with BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, the County of San Bernardino and Caltrans District 8 to identify sections of public right-of-way to be repaired. At that time, the project owner shall establish a

schedule to complete the repairs and to receive approval for the action(s). Following completion of any public right-of-way repairs, the project owner shall provide a letter signed by the County of San Bernardino and Caltrans District 8 stating their satisfaction with the repairs to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

**C. TRANS-3:**

**TRANS-3** The project owner shall prepare a Heliostat Positioning Plan that would avoid potential for human health and safety hazards from solar radiation exposure.

Verification: Within 90 days before commercial operation of any of the three ISEGS power plants, the project owner shall submit the Heliostat Positioning Plan to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. The project owner shall also submit the plan to CalTrans, FAA, and the Clark County Department of Aviation for review and comment and forward any comments received to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The Heliostat Positioning Plan shall accomplish the following:

1. Identify the heliostat movements and positions (including reasonably possible malfunctions) that could result in potential exposure of observers at various locations including in aircraft, motorists, pedestrians and hikers in the Clark Mountains to reflected solar radiation from heliostats;
2. Describe within the HPP how programmed heliostat operation would avoid potential for human health and safety hazards at locations of observers as attributable to momentary solar radiation exposure greater than the Maximum Permissible Exposure of  $10 \text{ kw/m}^2$  (for a period of 0.25 second or less).
3. Prepare a monitoring plan that would: a) obtain field measurements in response to legitimate complaints; b) verify that the Heliostat Positioning Plan would avoid potential for human health and safety hazards including temporary or permanent blindness at locations of observers; and c) provide requirements and procedures to document, investigate and resolve legitimate complaints regarding glare.
4. The monitoring plan should be coordinated with the FAA, U.S. Department of the Navy, CalTrans, CHP, and Clark County Department of Aviation in relation to the proposed Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport and be updated

on an annual basis for the first 5 years, and at 2-year intervals thereafter for the life of the project.

**D. TRANS-4:**

APPLICANT PROPOSES THAT THIS CONDITION BE DELETED.

**E. TRANS-5:**

**TRANS-5** The project owner shall ensure that each power tower is marked and lighted according to the recommendations included in the FAA aeronautical study performed for each tower. Additionally, the project owner shall submit FAA Form 7460-2 Part II, Notice of Actual Construction or Alteration, to the FAA within 5 days of completion of construction of the tower to its greatest height.

The project owner shall provide evidence of compliance with FAA Advisory circular 70/7460-1 K Change 2, Obstruction Marking and Lighting by submitting a copy of Form 7460-2 to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval upon completion of construction or each power tower.

Verification: Within 5 days of completion of construction of each of the seven power towers, the project owner shall submit the above referenced evidence to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

**F. TRANS-6:**

**FAA NOTIFICATION**

**TRANS-6** Prior to start-up and testing activities of the plant and all related facilities, the project owner shall coordinate with the FAA to notify all pilots using the airspace in the vicinity of the ISEGS of potential air hazards from turbulence.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to start of project operation, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review a letter from the FAA showing compliance with these measures. These notification activities would include, but not be limited to: 1) issuing a notice to airmen (NOTAM) of the identified air hazard, 2) updating all applicable FAA-approved airspace charts to indicate that plume hazards could exist up to an altitude of 1,350 feet above the ground surface, and 3) requesting FAA to require pilots to avoid direct overflight of the ISEGS site

at or below this altitude during daylight hours.

## **XVIII. TRANSMISSION LINE SAFETY AND NUISANCE**

### **A. TLSN-1:**

**TLSN-1** The project owner shall construct the proposed generation tie lines to the first point of interconnection according to the requirements of California Public Utility Commission's GO-95, GO-52, GO-131-D, Title 8, and Group 2. High Voltage Electrical Safety Orders, sections 2700 through 2974 of the California Code of Regulations, and Southern California Edison's EMF-reduction guidelines.

Verification: At least 30 days before starting the generation tie lines or related structures and facilities, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the Compliance Project Manager (CPM) a letter signed by a California registered electrical engineer affirming that the lines will be constructed according to the requirements stated in the condition.

### **B. TLSN-2:**

**TLSN-2** The project owner shall use a qualified individual to measure the strengths of the electric and magnetic fields from the line at the points of maximum intensity along the route for which the applicant provided specific estimates. The measurements shall be made before and after energization according to the American National Standard Institute/Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (ANSI/IEEE) standard procedures. These measurements shall be completed no later than 6 months after the start of operations.

Verification: The project owner shall file copies of the pre-and post-energization measurements with BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 60 days after completion of the measurements.

### **C. TLSN-3:**

**TLSN-3** The project owner shall ensure that the rights-of-way of the proposed generation tie lines are kept free of combustible material, as required under the provisions of section 4292 of the Public Resources Code and section 1250 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Verification: During the first 5 years of plant operation, the

project owner shall provide a summary of inspection results and any fire prevention activities carried out along the right-of-way and provide such summaries in the Annual Compliance Report to be provided to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

**D. TLSN-4:**

**TLSN-4** The project owner shall ensure that all permanent metallic objects within the right-of-way of the project-related generation tie lines are grounded according to industry standards regardless of ownership.

Verification: At least 30 days before the lines are energized, the project owner shall transmit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a letter confirming compliance with this condition.

**XIX. TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENGINEERING**

**A. TSE-1:**

**TSE-1** The project owner shall furnish to BLM's Authorized Officer and the Compliance Project Manager (CPM) and to the Chief Building Official (CBO) a schedule of transmission facility design submittals, a Master Drawing List, a Master Specifications List, and a Major Equipment and Structure List. The schedule shall contain a description and list of proposed submittal packages for design, calculations, and specifications for major structures and equipment. To facilitate audits by BLM and Energy Commission staff, the project owner shall provide designated packages to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM when requested.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to the start of construction (or a lesser number of days mutually agreed to by the project owner and the CBO), the project owner shall submit the schedule, a Master Drawing List, and a Master Specifications List to the CBO, BLM's Authorized Officer and to the CPM. The schedule shall contain a description and list of proposed submittal packages for design, calculations, and specifications for major structures and equipment (see a list of major equipment in Table 1: Major Equipment List below). Additions and deletions shall be made to the table only with CPM, BLM's Authorized Officer and CBO approval. The project owner shall provide schedule updates in the Monthly Compliance Report.

TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENGINEERING Table 1  
Major Equipment List

Breakers  
Step-Up Transformer  
Switchyard  
Busses  
Surge Arrestors  
Disconnects  
Take Off Facilities  
Electric Control Building  
Switchyard Control Building  
Transmission Pole/Tower  
Grounding System

**B. TSE-2:**

**TSE-2** Prior to the start of construction, the project owner shall assign an electrical engineer and at least one of each of the following to the project: A) a civil engineer; B) a geotechnical engineer or a civil engineer experienced and knowledgeable in the practice of soils engineering; C) a design engineer who is either a structural engineer or a civil engineer fully competent and proficient in the design of power plant structures and equipment supports; or D) a mechanical engineer. (Business and Professions Code Sections 6704 et seq. require state registration to practice as a civil engineer or structural engineer in California.

The tasks performed by the civil, mechanical, electrical, or design engineers may be divided between two or more engineers, as long as each engineer is responsible for a particular segment of the project (e.g., proposed earthwork, civil structures, power plant structures, equipment support). No segment of the project shall have more than one responsible engineer. The transmission line may be the responsibility of a separate California-registered electrical engineer. The civil, geotechnical or civil, and design engineer assigned in conformance with Facility Design condition GEN-5, may be responsible for design and review of the TSE facilities.

The project owner shall submit to the CBO for review and approval, the names, qualifications, and registration numbers of all engineers assigned to the project. If any one of the designated engineers is subsequently reassigned or replaced, the project owner shall submit the name, qualifications, and registration number of the newly assigned

engineer to the CBO for review and approval. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approval of the new engineer. This engineer shall be authorized to halt earthwork and to require changes if site conditions are unsafe or do not conform with predicted conditions used as a basis for design of earthwork or foundations.

The electrical engineer shall:

1. Be responsible for the electrical design of the power plant switchyard, outlet and termination facilities; and
2. Sign and stamp electrical design drawings, plans, specifications, and calculations.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to the start of rough grading (or a lesser number of days mutually agreed to by the project owner and the CBO), the project owner shall submit to the CBO for review and approval, the names, qualifications, and registration numbers of all the responsible engineers assigned to the project. The project owner shall notify BLM's authorized officer and the CPM of the CBO's approvals of the engineers within five days of the approval.

If the designated responsible engineer is subsequently reassigned or replaced, the project owner has five days in which to submit the name, qualifications, and registration number of the newly assigned engineer to the CBO for review and approval. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of the CBO's approval of the new engineer within five days of the approval.

**C. TSE-3:**

**TSE-3** If any discrepancy in design and/or construction is discovered in any engineering work that has undergone CBO design review and approval, the project owner shall document the discrepancy and recommend corrective action (California Building Code, 1998, Chapter 1, Section 108.4, Approval Required; Chapter 17, Section 1701.3, Duties and Responsibilities of the Special Inspector; Appendix Chapter 33, Section 3317.7, Notification of Noncompliance). The discrepancy documentation shall become a controlled document and shall be submitted to the CBO for review and approval and shall reference this condition of certification.

Verification: The project owner shall submit a copy of the CBO's approval or disapproval of any corrective action taken

to resolve a discrepancy to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 15 days of receipt. If disapproved, the project owner shall advise BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM, within five days, the reason for disapproval, and the revised corrective action required obtaining the CBO's approval.

**D. TSE-4:**

- TSE-4** For the power plant switchyard, outlet line, and termination, the project owner shall not begin any increment of construction until plans for that increment have been approved by the CBO. These plans, together with design changes and design change notices, shall remain on the site for one year after completion of construction. The project owner shall request that the CBO inspect the installation to ensure compliance with the requirements of applicable LORS. The following activities shall be reported in the Monthly Compliance Report:
1. Receipt or delay of major electrical equipment;
  2. Testing or energization of major electrical equipment; and
  3. The number of electrical drawings approved, submitted for approval, and still to be submitted.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to the start of each increment of construction (or a lesser number of days mutually agreed to by the project owner and the CBO), the project owner shall submit to the CBO for review and approval the final design plans, specifications, and calculations for equipment and systems of the power plant switchyard, outlet line, and termination, including a copy of the signed and stamped statement from the responsible electrical engineer attesting to compliance with the applicable LORS, and send BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the transmittal letter in the next Monthly Compliance Report.

**E. TSE-5:**

- TSE-5** The project owner shall ensure that the design, construction, and operation of the proposed transmission facilities will conform to all applicable LORS, including the requirements listed below. The project owner shall submit the required number of copies of the design drawings and calculations as determined by the CBO.

Verification: At least 60 days prior to the start of construction of transmission facilities (or a lesser number of days mutually agree to by the project owner and CBO), the project owner



shall submit to the CBO for approval:

1. The proposed Ivanpah substation would use a double bus breaker- and- a half configuration with 3-bays and 5 positions or other configuration as may be approved by SCE.
2. Termination facilities shall comply with applicable SCE interconnection standards.
3. The project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM:
4. The final Detailed Facility Study (DFS) including a description of facility upgrades, operational mitigation measures, and/or Special Protection System (SPS) sequencing and timing if applicable;
5. Executed project owner, Transmission System Operator and California ISO Facility Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA).
6. The Ivanpah 1 will be interconnected to the SCE grid via a 115 kV segment, approximately 5,800 feet long single circuit. The Ivanpah #2 will be interconnected to the SCE grid via a 115 kV single circuit segment , approximately 5,400 feet long single circuit of which approximately 3,900 feet is on a single circuit path and approximately 1400 feet is shared with a the Ivanpah #3 path. The Ivanpah #3 115 kV generator tie line would be an approximately 14,100 feet long single circuit, which would merge into a 115kV double circuit path shared with the Ivanpah #2 generator tie line for approximately the last 1400 feet.
7. Design drawings, specifications, and calculations conforming with CPUC General Order 95 and General Order 98 or NESC; Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Articles 35, 36, and 37 of the "High Voltage Electric Safety Orders"; NEC; applicable interconnection standards, and related industry standards for the poles/towers, foundations, anchor bolts, conductors, grounding systems, and major switchyard equipment.
8. Breakers and busses in the power plant switchyard and other switchyards, where applicable, shall be sized to comply with a short-circuit analysis.
9. Outlet line crossings and line parallels with transmission and distribution facilities shall be coordinated with the transmission line owner and comply with the owner's standards.
10. The project conductors shall be sized to accommodate

the full output from the project.

11. Termination facilities shall comply with applicable SCE interconnection standards.
12. Electrical one-line diagrams signed and sealed by the registered professional electrical engineer in responsible charge, a route map, and an engineering description of equipment and the configurations covered by requirements TSE-5 above.
13. The final Detailed Facility Study, including a description of facility upgrades, operational mitigation measures, and/or SPS sequencing and timing if applicable, shall be provided concurrently to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

**F. TSE-6:**

**TSE-6** The project owner shall provide the following Notice to the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) prior to synchronizing the facility with the California transmission system as required in the LGIA.

Verification: The project owner shall provide copies of the California ISO notice to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM when it is sent to the California ISO. A report of the conversation with the California ISO shall be provided electronically to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM one day before synchronizing the facility with the California transmission system for the first time.

**G. TSE-7:**

**TSE-7** The project owner shall be responsible for the inspection of the transmission facilities during and after project construction, and any subsequent BLM authorized officer, CPM and CBO approved changes thereto, to ensure conformance with CPUC GO-95 or NESC; Title 8, CCR, Articles 35, 36 and 37 of the "High Voltage Electric Safety Orders"; applicable interconnection standards; NEC; and related industry standards. In case of non-conformance, the project owner shall inform BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM and CBO in writing, within 10 days of discovering such non-conformance and describe the corrective actions to be taken.

Verification: Within 60 days after first synchronization of the project, the project owner shall transmit to BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM and CBO:

1. “As built” engineering description(s) and one-line drawings of the electrical portion of the facilities signed and sealed by the registered electrical engineer in responsible charge. A statement attesting to conformance with CPUC GO-95 or NESC; Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Articles 35, 36 and 37 of the “High Voltage Electric Safety Orders”; applicable interconnection standards; NEC; and related industry standards, and these conditions shall be provided concurrently.
2. An “as built” engineering description of the mechanical, structural, and civil portion of the transmission facilities signed and sealed by the registered engineer in responsible charge or acceptable alternative verification. “As built” drawings of the electrical, mechanical, structural, and civil portion of the transmission facilities shall be maintained at the power plant and made available, if requested, for BLM’s Authorized Officer or CPM audit as set forth in the “Compliance Monitoring Plan.”
3. 3. A summary of inspections of the completed transmission facilities, and identification of any nonconforming work and corrective actions taken, signed and sealed by the registered engineer in charge

## **XX. VISUAL**

### **A. VIS-1:**

**VIS-1** The project owner shall treat the surfaces of all project structures and buildings visible to the public, other than surfaces that are included to direct or reflect sunlight, such that a) their colors minimize visual intrusion and contrast by blending with the existing tan and brown color of the surrounding landscape; and b) their colors and finishes do not create excessive glare. The transmission line conductors shall be non-specular and non-reflective, and the insulators shall be non-reflective and non-refractive.

The project owner shall submit for CPM review and approval, a specific Surface Treatment Plan that will satisfy these requirements.

Verification: At least 90 days prior to specifying to the vendor the colors and finishes for each set of structures or buildings that are surface treated during manufacture, the project owner shall submit the proposed treatment plan to

BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval and simultaneously to San Bernardino County for review and comment. If BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM determine that the plan requires revision, the project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a plan with the specified revision(s) for review and approval by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM before any treatment is applied. Any modifications to the treatment plan must be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall review and approve the Surface Treatment Plan or identify any material deficiencies within thirty (30) days of receipt.

The treatment plan shall include:

- A. A description of the overall rationale for the proposed surface treatment, including the selection of the proposed color(s) and finishes;
- B. A list of each major project structure, building, tank, pipe, and wall; the transmission line towers and/or poles; and fencing, specifying the color(s) and finish proposed for each. Colors must be identified by vendor, name, and number; or according to a universal designation system;
- C. One set of color brochures or color chips showing each proposed color and finish;
- D. A specific schedule for completion of the treatment; and
- E. A procedure to ensure proper treatment maintenance for the life of the project.

The project owner shall not specify to the vendors the treatment of any buildings or structures treated during manufacture, or perform the final treatment on any buildings or structures treated in the field, until the project owner receives notification of approval of the treatment plan by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. Subsequent modifications to the treatment plan are prohibited without BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM approval.

Prior to the start of commercial operation, the project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that surface treatment of all listed structures and buildings has been completed and they are ready for inspection and shall submit to each one set of electronic color photographs from the same key observation points identified in (d) above. The project owner shall provide a status

report regarding surface treatment maintenance in the Annual Compliance Report. The report shall specify a): the condition of the surfaces of all structures and buildings at the end of the reporting year; b) maintenance activities that occurred during the reporting year; and c) the schedule of maintenance activities for the next year.

**B. VIS-2:**

**VIS-2** At the request of, and in consultation with BLM's Authorized Officer, the CPM and the golf course owner, the project owner shall prepare a perimeter landscape screening plan to reduce the visibility of the proposed ISEGS project as seen from the golf course. The purpose of the plan shall be to provide screening of the power project, particularly the mirror fields, from the tees and greens of the golf course, while retaining as much of the scenic portion of the overall views of Ivanpah Valley and Clark Mountains as feasible. The design approach shall be developed with prior consultation with the golf course owner, and implemented only at the golf course owner's request. The project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval and simultaneously to the golf course owner for review and comment a preliminary conceptual landscaping plan whose objective is to provide an attractive visual screen to views of the ISEGS project mirror fields. Upon approval by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and golf course owner, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval and simultaneously to the golf course owner for review and comment a landscaping plan whose proper implementation will satisfy these requirements.

The plan shall not be implemented until the project owner receives final approval from BLM's Authorized Officers and the CPM.

Verification: The landscaping plan shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval and simultaneously to the golf course owner for review and comment at least 90 days prior to installation of the landscaping. If BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM determine that the plan requires revision, the project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and simultaneously to the golf course owner a revised plan for review and approval by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. The plan shall include:

A. A detailed landscape, grading, and irrigation plan, at a

reasonable scale. The plan shall demonstrate how the requirements stated above shall be met. The plan shall provide a detailed installation schedule demonstrating installation of as much of the landscaping as early in the construction process as is feasible in coordination with project construction.

- B. A list (prepared by a qualified professional arborist familiar with local growing conditions) of proposed species, specifying installation sizes, growth rates, expected time to maturity, expected size at five years and at maturity, spacing, number, availability, and a discussion of the suitability of the plants for the site conditions and mitigation objectives, with the objective of providing the widest possible range of species from which to choose;
- C. Maintenance procedures to be implemented by the golf course owner, including any needed irrigation and a plan for routine annual or semi-annual debris removal for the life of the project;
- D. A procedure for monitoring for and replacement of unsuccessful plantings for the life of the project; and
- E. One set each for BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of 11"x17" color photo-simulations of the proposed landscaping at five years and twenty years after planting, as viewed from adjoining segments of I-15.

The plan shall not be implemented until the project owner receives final approval from BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM.

The planting must occur during the first optimal planting season following site mobilization. The project owner shall simultaneously notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and the golf course owner within seven days after completing installation of the landscaping, that the landscaping is ready for inspection.

The project owner shall report landscape maintenance activities, including replacement of dead or dying vegetation, for the previous year of operation in each Annual Compliance Report.

**C. VIS-3:**

STAFF AND APPLICANT ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT VIS-3 SHOULD BE DELETED.

**D. VIS-4:**

**TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EXTERIOR LIGHTING**

**VIS-4** To the extent feasible, consistent with safety and security considerations, the project owner shall design and install all permanent exterior lighting and all temporary construction lighting such that a) lamps and reflectors are not visible from beyond the project site, including any off-site security buffer areas; b) lighting does not cause excessive reflected glare; c) direct lighting does not illuminate the nighttime sky, except for required FAA aircraft safety lighting; d) illumination of the project and its immediate vicinity is minimized, and e) the plan complies with local policies and ordinances. The project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval and simultaneously to the County of San Bernardino for review and comment a lighting mitigation plan.

Verification: At least 90 days prior to ordering any permanent exterior lighting or temporary construction lighting, the project owner shall contact BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM to discuss the documentation required in the lighting mitigation plan. At least 60 days prior to ordering any permanent exterior lighting, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval and simultaneously to the County of San Bernardino for review and comment a lighting mitigation plan. If BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM determine that the plan requires revision, the project owner shall provide to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a revised plan for review and approval by BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall approve or identify any material deficiencies in the Lighting Plan within 30 days following receipt of the Plan.

The Lighting Plan shall include the following:

- A. Location and direction of light fixtures shall take the lighting mitigation requirements into account;
- B. Lighting design shall consider setbacks of project features from the site boundary to aid in satisfying the lighting mitigation requirements;
- C. Lighting shall incorporate fixture hoods/shielding, with light directed downward or toward the area to be illuminated;
- D. Light fixtures that are visible from beyond the project

boundary shall have cutoff angles that are sufficient to prevent lamps and reflectors from being visible beyond the project boundary, except where necessary for security;

- E. All lighting shall be of minimum necessary brightness consistent with operational safety and security; and
- F. Lights in high illumination areas not occupied on a continuous basis (such as maintenance platforms) shall have (in addition to hoods) switches, timer switches, or motion detectors so that the lights operate only when the area is occupied.

The project owner shall not order any exterior lighting until receiving BLM Authorized Officer and CPM approval of the lighting mitigation plan.

Prior to commercial operation, the project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that the lighting has been completed and is ready for inspection. If after inspection, BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM notify the project owner that modifications to the lighting are needed, within 30 days of receiving that notification the project owner shall implement the modifications and notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that the modifications have been completed and are ready for inspection.

Within 48 hours of receiving a lighting complaint, the project owner shall provide BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM with a complaint resolution form report as specified in the Compliance General Conditions including a proposal to resolve the complaint, and a schedule for implementation. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 48 hours after completing implementation of the proposal. A copy of the complaint resolution form report shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 30 days.

## **XXI. WASTE MANAGEMENT**

### **A. WASTE-1:**

**WASTE-1** The project owner shall provide the resume of an experienced and qualified professional engineer or professional geologist, who shall be available for consultation during site characterization (if needed), demolition, excavation, and grading activities, to BLM's



Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. The resume shall show experience in remedial investigation and feasibility studies.

The professional engineer or professional geologist shall be given authority by the project owner to oversee any earth moving activities that have the potential to disturb contaminated soil and impact public health, safety and the environment.

Verification: At least 30 days prior to the start of site mobilization, the project owner shall submit the resume to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

**B. WASTE-2:**

**WASTE-2** If potentially contaminated soil is identified during site characterization, demolition, excavation, or grading at either the proposed site or linear facilities, as evidenced by discoloration, odor, detection by handheld instruments, or other signs, the professional engineer or professional geologist shall inspect the site, determine the need for sampling to confirm the nature and extent of contamination, and provide a written report to the project owner, representatives of Department of Toxic Substances Control or Regional Water Quality Control Board, BLM's Authorized Officer, and the CPM stating the recommended course of action.

Depending on the nature and extent of contamination, the professional engineer or professional geologist shall have the authority to temporarily suspend construction activity at that location for the protection of workers or the public. If, in the opinion of the professional engineer or professional geologist, significant remediation may be required, the project owner shall contact BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM and representatives of the Department of Toxic Substances Control for or the Regional Water Quality control Board, for guidance and possible oversight.

Verification: The project owner shall submit any final reports filed by the professional engineer or professional geologist to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 5 days of their receipt. The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 24 hours of any orders issued to halt construction.

**C. WASTE-3:**

**WASTE-3** The project owner shall prepare a Construction Waste Management Plan for all wastes generated during construction of the facility and shall submit the plan to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. The plan shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

- a description of all construction waste streams, including projections of frequency, amounts generated, and hazard classifications; and
- management methods to be used for each waste stream, including temporary on-site storage, housekeeping and best management practices to be employed, treatment methods and companies providing treatment services, waste testing methods to assure correct classification, methods of transportation, disposal requirements and sites, and recycling and waste minimization/source reduction plans.

Verification: The project owner shall submit the Construction Waste Management Plan to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for approval no less than 30 days prior to the initiation of construction activities at the site. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall approve or identify any material deficiencies in the Construction Waste Management Plan within 30 days following receipt of the Plan.

**D. WASTE-4:**

**WASTE-4** The project owner shall obtain a hazardous waste generator identification number from the United States Environmental Protection Agency prior to generating any hazardous waste during project construction and operations.

Verification: The project owner shall keep a copy of the identification number on file at the project site and provide documentation of the hazardous waste generation notification and receipt of the number to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the next scheduled Monthly Compliance Report after receipt of the number. Submittal of the notification and issued number documentation to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM is only needed once unless there is a change in ownership, operation, waste generation, or waste characteristics that requires a new notification to USEPA.

Documentation of any new or revised hazardous waste generation notifications or changes in identification number shall be provided to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in the next scheduled compliance report.

**E. WASTE-5:**

**WASTE-5** Upon becoming aware of any impending waste management-related enforcement action by any local, state, or federal authority, the project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of any such action taken or proposed to be taken against the project itself, or against any waste hauler or disposal facility or treatment operator with which the owner contracts.

Verification: The project owner shall notify BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM in writing within 10 days of becoming aware of an impending enforcement action. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall notify the project owner of any changes that will be required in the way project-related wastes are managed.

**F. WASTE-6:**

**WASTE-6** The project owner shall prepare an Operation Waste Management Plan for all wastes generated during operation of the facility and shall submit the plan to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval. The plan shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

- detailed description of all operation and maintenance waste streams, including projections of amounts to be generated, frequency of generation, and waste hazard classifications;
- management methods to be used for each waste stream, including temporary on-site storage, housekeeping and best management practices to be employed, treatment methods and companies providing treatment services, waste testing methods to assure correct classification, methods of transportation, disposal requirements and sites, and recycling and waste minimization/source reduction plans;
- information and summary records of conversations with the local Certified Unified Program Agency and the Department of Toxic Substances Control regarding any waste management requirements necessary for project activities. Copies of all required waste management permits, notices, and/or authorizations shall be

- included in the plan and updated as necessary;
- a detailed description of how facility wastes will be managed and any contingency plans to be employed, in the event of an unplanned closure or planned temporary facility closure; and
- a detailed description of how facility wastes will be managed and disposed upon closure of the facility.

**Verification:** The project owner shall submit the Operation Waste Management Plan to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for approval no less than 30 days prior to the start of project operation. BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM shall approve or identify any material deficiencies in the Operation Waste Management Plan within 30 days following receipt of the Plan. The project owner shall submit any required revisions to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 20 days of notification from BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM that revisions are necessary.

The project owner shall also document in each Annual Compliance Report the actual volume of wastes generated and the waste management methods used during the year; provide a comparison of the actual waste generation and management methods used to those proposed in the original Operation Waste Management Plan; and update the Operation Waste Management Plan as necessary to address current waste generation and management practices.

**G. WASTE-7:**

**WASTE-7** The project owner shall ensure that all spills or releases of hazardous substances, hazardous materials, or hazardous waste are reported, cleaned up, and remediated as necessary, in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

**Verification:** The project owner shall document all unauthorized releases and spills of hazardous substances, materials, or wastes that occur on the project property or related pipeline and transmission corridors. The documentation shall include, at a minimum, the following information: location of release; date and time of release; reason for release; volume released; amount of contaminated soil/material generated; how release was managed and material cleaned up; if the release was reported; to whom the release was reported; release corrective action and cleanup requirements

imposed by regulating agencies; level of cleanup achieved and actions taken to prevent a similar release or spill; and disposition of any hazardous wastes and/or contaminated soils and materials that may have been generated by the release. Copies of the unauthorized spill documentation shall be provided to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within 30 days of the date the release was discovered.

## **XXII. WORKER SAFETY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

### **A. WORKER SAFETY-1:**

**WORKER SAFETY-1** The project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the Compliance Project Manager (CPM) a copy of the Project Construction Safety and Health Program containing the following:

- A Construction Personal Protective Equipment Program;
- A Construction Exposure Monitoring Program;
- A Construction Injury and Illness Prevention Program; A Construction Emergency Action Plan; and
- A Construction Fire Prevention Plan.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the start of construction, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval a copy of the Project Construction Safety and Health Program. The project owner shall provide a copy of a letter to the BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM from the San Bernardino County Fire Department, if any is received, stating the Fire Department's comments on the Construction Fire Prevention Plan and Emergency Action Plan.

The Personal Protective Equipment Program, the Exposure Monitoring Program, and the Injury and Illness Prevention Program shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval concerning compliance of the program with all applicable Safety Orders. The Construction Emergency Action Plan and the Fire Prevention Plan shall be submitted to the San Bernardino County Fire Department for review and comment prior to submittal to the BLM's Authorized Officer and CPM for approval.

### **B. WORKER SAFETY-2:**

**WORKER SAFETY-2** The project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM a copy of the Project

Operations and Maintenance Safety and Health Program containing the following:

- An Operation Injury and Illness Prevention Plan;
- An Emergency Action Plan;
- Hazardous Materials Management Program;
- Fire Prevention Program (8 CCR § 3221); and;
- Personal Protective Equipment Program (8 CCR §§ 3401-3411).

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the start of first-fire or commissioning, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for approval a copy of the Project Operations and Maintenance Safety and Health Program. The project owner shall provide a copy of a letter to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM from the San Bernardino County Fire Department stating the Fire Department's comments on the Operations Fire Prevention Plan and Emergency Action Plan.

The Operation Injury and Illness Prevention Plan, Emergency Action Plan, and Personal Protective Equipment Program shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval concerning compliance of the program with all applicable Safety Orders. The Operation Fire Prevention Plan and the Emergency Action Plan shall also be submitted to the San Bernardino County Fire Department for review and comment.

**C. WORKER SAFETY-3:**

**WORKER SAFETY-3** The project owner shall provide a site Construction Safety Supervisor (CSS) who, by way of training and/or experience, is knowledgeable of power plant construction activities and relevant laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, is capable of identifying workplace hazards relating to the construction activities, and has authority to take appropriate action to assure compliance and mitigate hazards. The CSS shall:

- Have over-all authority for coordination and implementation of all occupational safety and health practices, policies, and programs;
- Assure that the safety program for the project complies with Cal/OSHA and federal regulations related to power plant projects;
- Assure that all construction and commissioning workers and supervisors receive adequate safety training;

- Complete accident and safety-related incident investigations, emergency response reports for injuries, and inform BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM of safety-related incidents; and
- Assure that all the plans identified in WORKER SAFETY-1 and -2 are implemented.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the start of site mobilization, the project owner shall submit to BLM's authorized officer and the CPM the name and contact information for the Construction Safety Supervisor (CSS). The contact information of any replacement (CSS) shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM within three business days.

The CSS shall submit in the Monthly Compliance Report a monthly safety inspection report to include:

- Record of all employees trained for that month (all records shall be kept on site for the duration of the project);
- Summary report of safety management actions and safety-related incidents that occurred during the month;
- Report of any continuing or unresolved situations and incidents that may pose danger to life or health; and
- Report of accidents and injuries that occurred during the month.

**D. WORKER SAFETY-4:**

**WORKER SAFETY-4** The project owner shall make payments to the Chief Building Official (CBO) for the services of a Safety Monitor based upon a reasonable fee schedule to be negotiated between the project owner and the CBO. Those services shall be in addition to other work performed by the CBO. The Safety Monitor shall be selected by and report directly to the CBO, and will be responsible for verifying that the Construction Safety Supervisor, as required in WORKER SAFETY-3, implements all applicable Cal/OSHA and Commission safety requirements. The Safety Monitor shall conduct on-site (including linear facilities) safety inspections at intervals necessary to fulfill those responsibilities.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the start of construction, the project owner shall provide proof of its agreement to fund the Safety Monitor services to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

**E. WORKER SAFETY-5:**

**WORKER SAFETY-5** The project owner shall ensure that a portable automatic external defibrillator (AED) is located on site during construction and operations and shall implement a program to ensure that workers are properly trained in its use and that the equipment is properly maintained and functioning at all times. During construction and commissioning, the following persons shall be trained in its use and shall be on-site whenever the workers that they supervise are on-site: the Construction Project Manager or delegate, the Construction Safety Supervisor or delegate, and all shift foremen. During operations, all power plant employees shall be trained in its use. The training program shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the start of site mobilization the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM proof that a portable AED exists on site and a copy of the training and maintenance program for review and approval.

**F. WORKER SAFETY-6:**

**WORKER SAFETY-6** The project owner shall prepare and implement a Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the storage and application of herbicides used to control weeds beneath and around the solar array. These plans shall be submitted to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval.

Verification: At least thirty (30) days prior to the start of site mobilization, the project owner shall submit to BLM's Authorized Officer and the CPM for review and approval a copy of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the storage and application of herbicides.