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Re: IVANPAH SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned member of a science class at Saint Leo University in Florida. We studied the proposal in class, and I personally question your rationale in approving the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) project. The project, even with the mitigation measures described in the Decision Report, will have remaining significant impacts on the environment that outweigh the benefits. I believe that the new energy development project will destroy the rich soil of the Mojave Desert; and can cause great damage to the soil that cannot be replaced in months. This event can cause a lot of harm to the plants that are growing in that area. This Desert is home to many animals that have lived there for centuries. For an example, the Tortoises make up a great proportion of the animals living in the desert. If these Tortoises are moved from their homes it can put a lot of stress on them and should not be done. The population of the Tortoises can decrease which can lead to a slight change in the food chain. Also the rare birds that breeds and lives on Clark Mountain will also be greatly effect by the three giant power towers. The tools that are being used to dig up the Tortoises can kill them while in the

process of removing them from the ground. When the project is being built on the land, it's not right for the resident to have to move to another area that can lead to problems. The land the people live on means a lot to them and placing the solar panels on the land will cause a lot of pain to the resident, knowing that the area they once lived in is now being destroyed. This project should not be done and should go about doing things the right way.

Sincerely yours,

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