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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 if this project moves forward it will severely ruin the environment and the wildlife that lives in it. Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System project is expected to ruin six thousand acres of very delicate land in the Mojave wilderness, just to put in a large number of solar reflectors and five hundred foot towers with boilers to supply Las Vegas which is fifty miles away from the project site.

This project has not even been proven to successfully work, or even be worth the time and energy. I feel that it is an absolute disgrace and extremely selfish to ruin over six thousand acres of Mojave wilderness just to attempt to see if solar reflectors and towers will be successful to us. Just think of all the wild animals that you will probably cause to become extinct by killing their homes, just to try to conserve energy. It would be different if this was proven to be a successful project, but there has been no guarantee.

Not only are you killing animals and ruining their environments, but you are also ruining beautiful lands that many people love. I think that you should really publicize this project and little more so that the public knows what is really going on.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Sands