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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY RELATED TO THE REVISED STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PALEN SOLAR POWER (09-AFC-7) PROJECT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Dear Mr. Solomon:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your submitted Revised Staff Assessment (RSA) Part 1 and Part 2 for the above-mentioned project. The following project description is stated in your document: "The RSA contains the Energy Commission staff's environmental, public health and engineering evaluation of the proposed Palen Solar Power Project (PSPP). The PSPP is a concentrated solar thermal electric generating facility with two adjacent, independent, and identical units of 250 megawatt (MW) nominal capacity each for a total nominal capacity of 500 MW. The project is proposed to be located in the Southern California inland desert, approximately 10 miles east of the small community of Desert Center, in eastern Riverside County, California; approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe; and about three miles east of the southeast end of Joshua Tree National Park. The applicants are seeking a right-of-way grant for approximately 5,200 acres of lands owned by the federal government and administrated by the Bureau of Management (BLM). Construction and operation of the project would disturb a total of about 2,970 acres. If approved, project construction would begin in 2011, with commercial operation commencing in mid 2013". DTSC has the following comments:

- 1) DTSC provided comments on the original version of the Application for Certification (AFC) on November 18, 2008. Those comments still apply to the current AFC for the project; some of those comments have been addressed in the submitted AFC. Please ensure that all comments will be addressed in the final AFC.

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- 2) DTSC can provide guidance for cleanup oversight through an Environmental Oversight Agreement (EOA) for government agencies which would not be responsible parties under CERCLA, or a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) for private parties. For additional information on the EOA or VCA, please see www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields, or contact Ms. Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, DTSC's Voluntary Cleanup Coordinator, at (714) 484-5489.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Rafiq Ahmed, Project Manager, at rahmed@dtsc.ca.gov or by phone at (714) 484-5491.

Sincerely,



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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE PALEN SOLAR POWER
PLANT PROJECT**

Docket No. 09-AFC-7

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Sabrina Savala, declare that on October 20, 2010, I served and filed copies of the attached Comments from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, dated October 12, 2010. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

[\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen)

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Original Signed by _____
Sabrina Savala