

Comment Set A01
California Department of Toxic Substances Control



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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT FOR THE COLORADO RIVER SUBSTATION EXPANSION
DEVERS-PALO VERDE NO.2 TRANSMISSION LINEPROJECT, (SCH#2005101104),
RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your submitted Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the above-mentioned project. The following project description is stated in your document: "The Colorado River Substation would be located on an approximately 160-acre parcel of land located approximately 1.5 miles south of Interstate 10 and 4.75 miles east of Wiley Well Road, in the County of Riverside, California. The Colorado River Substation site, including the proposed expansion, would be located on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that would be granted to Southern California Edison (SCE) for this use. There are no nearby residences. The expansion of the Colorado River Substation is required in order to allow interconnection generation from the Blythe and Genesis solar facilities. These facilities are approved and under construction. SCE has proposed a number of refinements to the DPV2 project as approved. The expanded substation would be approximately 1,530 feet by 2,200 feet surrounded by an 8-foot-high wall with barbed wire and razor wire and two gates".

Based on the review of the submitted document DTSC has the following comments:

- 1) DTSC provided comments on the project Notice of Preparation (NOP) on October 26, 2010; some of those comments have been addressed in the submitted draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. Please ensure that all those comments will be addressed in the final EIR.

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- 2) DTSC can provide cleanup oversight through an Environmental Oversight Agreement (EOA) for government agencies that are not responsible parties, 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.

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

Sincerely,



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A01-1 The DTSC's comments provided during scoping (dated October 26, 2011) are included in the Colorado River Substation Expansion Project Scoping Report, which is included as Appendix 2 of the Final Supplemental EIR.

As stated in Section A.2.1 of the Final Supplemental EIR, DTSC commented that the EIR should evaluate conditions in the project area that may pose a threat to human health or the environment. DTSC listed regulatory agency databases and outlined regulatory requirements for investigating, identifying, and remediating hazardous materials that may be encountered in the project area.

An EDR database search was performed in January 2011 for proposed and alternative sites, and it showed that none of the sites contain any known contamination or hazardous materials (see Appendix 5 of the Final Supplemental EIR). Mitigation measures included in the DPV2 Final EIR/EIS (2006) would ensure that the project would adhere to all regulatory requirements for investigating, identifying, and remediating hazardous materials that may be encountered in the project area.

A01-2 The commenter's contact information for cleanup oversight is noted. In addition, Ms. Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi is included in the Mitigation Monitoring Compliance and Reporting Program's table of Jurisdictional Agencies Associated with the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project.

Comment Set A02 Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission

DPV2 Colorado River Substation Expansion Project Supplemental EIR Team

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Cc: Cooper, Ed; 'Russell Brady'
Subject: Transmission Towers Associated with Colorado River Substation

We have reviewed the location of the substation site (Assessor's Parcel Number 879-080-025) and have confirmed that it is outside the Airport Influence Area of Blythe Airport.

On page B-3 of the Project Description and on page ES-13 of the Executive Summary, it states that "the terminating transmission towers would be the tallest structures at the substation, ranging between 190 and 220 feet tall." Please be advised that any structure exceeding a height of 200 feet above ground level requires notification to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through the Form 7460-1 process. (www.oiaa.faa.gov)

Additionally, the Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (adopted in 2004) requires ALUC review of such structures.

Structures **less than 200 feet in height** outside Airport Influence Areas do not require ALUC review, but **may still require FAA notice** through the Form 7460-1 process per Section 77.13 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.

"Any construction...of greater height than an imaginary surface extending outward and upward at one of the following slopes:

100 to 1 for a horizontal distance of 20,000 feet from the nearest point of the nearest runway of each airport ... with at least one runway more than 3,200 feet in actual length..."

This standard would be applicable to the environs of Blythe Airport.

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Responses to Comment Set A02

Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency

A02-1 The commenter states that while it has confirmed that the proposed CRS would be located outside of the Airport Influence Area for the Blythe Airport, any project structure exceeding a height of 200 feet above ground level requires notification to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The commenter further states that structures of less than 200 feet in height may still require FAA notification per Section 77.13 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. In addition, the commenter states that any structures exceeding 200 feet above ground level require Airport Land Use Commission review pursuant to the Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (adopted in 2004).

FAA regulations, including Section 77.13, are described in Section D.9.4 (Applicable Regulations, Plans, and Standards) of the original DPV2 Final EIR/EIS (2006), which would apply to the Colorado River Substation Expansion components (and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into the Final Supplemental EIR). As stated in Section A.2.1 of the Final Supplemental EIR, the CRS would adhere to all permitting requirements and neither its proposed location nor any alternative location would be located in an Airport Influence Area.