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Project: Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, Eldorado-Ivanpah Transmission Project

To whom it may concern:

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (District) has received the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS), Eldorado-Ivanpah Transmission Project (EITP). The project would upgrade approximately 35 miles of existing single-circuit 115-kV subtransmission line to double-circuit 230-kV transmission line between the Ivanpah Dry Lake area and the existing Eldorado Substation, construct a new substation (Ivanpah Substation), install upgrades within the existing Eldorado Substation, and install a redundant telecommunications path between the Ivanpah and Eldorado Substations. The redundant telecommunications path would be strung along the existing 500-kV Eldorado-Lugo transmission line for approximately 25 miles before it would be installed in a new underground duct for approximately 5 miles along the northern edge of Nipton Road to a new microwave tower outside Nipton, CA. The EITP would be located in Clark County, NV and San Bernardino County, CA near Primm, NV.

The District has reviewed the DEIR/EIS, and concurs with the Mitigation Measures to control fugitive dust emissions developed for the proposed project discussed in the Air Quality Analysis.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this planning document. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (760) 245-1661, extension 6726, or Tracy Walters at extension 6122.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan J. De Salvio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alan J. De Salvio

Supervising Air Quality Engineer

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