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Law Enforcement Needs Assessment Form

Project Characteristics, as Proposed by the Project Applicant

Type, Location, Size, and Site Access:	Solar power generating facility proposed on 3,794 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management located approximately ¼ mile north of Interstate 10, approximately ten miles east of Desert Center and approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe, in Riverside County, California. Primary access to the site during both construction and operation would be by a new 1,350-foot, 24-foot wide paved road from Corn Springs Road. The access road would be constructed from a point just north of the I-10 Corn Springs Road entrance/exit ramps east to the project site entrance. This road would include a 12-foot wide shoulder with gravel surface for truck staging to preclude traffic interferences.
Estimated Schedule:	If approved, the 33-month project construction would occur in two phases. The start of construction would likely begin in spring 2014 to allow desert tortoises to be cleared from the site. The second phase of construction would begin several months later. Commercial operation would likely begin in late 2016 due to the delay for tortoise clearing. The construction personnel needed by month is enclosed in this package and can be found in Appendix 2-C from the Petition to Amend.
Construction (Traffic and Work Force):	During the peak construction month (month 22), the construction workforce would total about 2,311 individuals. There would be an average total construction workforce of 998 individuals over the 33-month period. There would be an average of 790 day-shift construction workers over the construction period, with a peak of 1,700 day-shift workers. The average number of day-shift construction workers daily trips is 1,461 (assuming a 7.5 percent carpooling rate for the day shift workers) with a peak of 3,145 trips. Construction activities for the day shift would begin at 5 a.m. The project would generate an estimated an average of 20 daily truck trips, with a peak of 45 truck trips. Construction parking and project staging would be provided on the project site within the project boundaries.
Operation (Staff and Traffic):	The 100 full-time workers needed for the project are expected to be hired from within the regional workforce. The Petition to Amend did not provide an estimate on the number of passenger car trips that would be generated. Six truck trips are anticipated on a daily basis.
Security:	No security information for project construction or operation was provided in the petition to amend. Hazardous Materials Management staff has proposed two conditions of certification to require the preparation of a Construction Site Security Plan and an Operation Security Plan.

Existing Law Enforcement Resources and Services in the Project Area

(attach additional paper if more room is needed to answer questions)

Names and addresses of the facilities (e.g., sheriff substations) serving the project area, and distance of closest dispatch facility to the project site:	Riverside County Sheriff's Department Colorado River Station 260 N. Spring St. Blythe, Ca. 92225 (Approx. 40 miles to the project site)
Adopted or desired service standard (e.g., one sworn officer per 1,000 population) applicable to the project site:	1 per 1000
Existing staffing levels for facilities serving the project area (including sworn officers and civilians, totals and per shift):	37 total (27 sworn/10 non-sworn) 2 to 3 per shift
Estimated response times to the project site: Priority calls: Non-Priority calls:	 Priority: Approx. 30 minutes or more. Non-priority: Approx. 45 minutes or more.
Current projected needs (e.g., facilities and staff) to maintain or meet existing service levels: Additional needs beyond those identified above to maintain or meet existing service	Not Applicable

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levels with the project:	
Exchange of general law enforcement responsibilities (e.g., formal and/or informal agreements with local municipalities for provision of services) in the project area:	California Highway Patrol (CHP) is responsible for all traffic related matters. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for all federal land use issues.
Current inventory of specialized equipment (e.g., helicopters or other aircraft):	Sheriff's helicopter is approx. 60 minutes (flight time) from project site.
Estimated Need for Law Enforcement Services, Equipment, and Facilities (attach additional paper if more room is needed to answer questions)	
Is there a process or formula used by your department to determine the need for additional law enforcement services to serve a new large-scale power plant? Please explain.	New construction projects utilize Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design assessments and concepts.
Could the project trigger a need for additional law enforcement services for on-site crimes against persons, theft of materials, and/or vandalism? Please explain. During project construction: During project operation:	During construction: The probability is low. During operation: The probability is low.
Could increased project-related traffic affect circulation and access on roads near the project site to the extent that an impact to emergency response times might occur? Please explain. During project construction: During project operation:	During construction: The probability is moderate. During operation: The probability is low.
Do law enforcement personnel review development site plans for projects to assess potential law enforcement issues (e.g., lighting and other safety factors)? Please explain.	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design concepts should be applied to the project to reduce law enforcement issues. No other review is completed.
Are specific measures recommended to reduce the potential for crimes to occur at or near the project site (e.g., specific types of security fencing)? Please explain.	Yes, total perimeter fencing should be installed, access points should be illuminated, "No trespassing" signage should be posted, the location address should be posted and visible, and gates should not be obstructed.
Please explain any other law enforcement concerns that have not been addressed by this needs assessment form.	A "No Trespassing" letter should be on file at the Sheriff's station during the construction phase and during operation of the site.
Person Completing This Needs Assessment Form	
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