

**PALOMAR ENERGY PROJECT (01-AFC-24)  
CEC STAFF DATA REQUEST NUMBER 116**

**Technical Area: Waste Management**

**Response Date: April 8, 2002**

**REQUEST:**

Please provide a Phase II ESA consisting of appropriate soil and groundwater sampling and analysis for pesticides (using EPA Method SW8151A).

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**RESPONSE:**

As stated in the AFC (Section. 5.13.1.3, page 5.13-3), consultation with a specialist in agricultural chemicals (Lawrence Young, a Licensed Agricultural Advisor with Van Waters and Rogers), indicated that pesticides applied to food crops over the past 40 years are not persistent in the environment longer than about six months. The northern portions of the Palomar site have not been in agricultural use for approximately six years. Thus, although theoretically possible, it is extremely unlikely that pesticides currently would be present in the site's soils. Because of this extremely low probability, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment is unnecessary, would represent a significant additional expenditure, and would not provide significant additional relevant information.

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