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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SOLAR MILLENNIUM, LLC, AMARGOSA FARM ROAD SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT, NYE COUNTY, NV. BLM FILE NVN 84359

ATTN: GREG HELSETH, PROJECT MANAGER.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS APPLICATION FOR A ROW BE DISMISSED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE AMARGOSA VALLEY AREA PLAN AND IS A GREAT DANGER TO THE CITIZENS OF AMARGOSA VALLEY. ON MARCH 3, 1999A PARABOLIC MIRROR SOLAR COLLECTION PLANT NEAR DAGGETT, CA. CAUGHT FIRE AND EXPLODED AND BURNED 900,000 GALLONS OF HEAT TRANSFER FLUID. IF IN THIS SITING A FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED, HOW MANY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE DEAD? HOW MANY SENIOR CITIZENS WHILE EATING AT THE CENTER? HOW MANY IN CHURCH OR IN THEY'RE BED, WHO LIVE IN THE SUBDIVISION DIRECTLY NEXT TO THIS POTENTIAL CATASTROPHY. THE THERMOIL MSDS SAY'S THE FIRE PERSONEL RESPONDING SHALL WEAR SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPRATICE. THE HEAT TRANSFER FLUID IS VERY TOXIC. OUR COMMUNITY CENTER, PARK, MEDICAL CENTER, SCHOOLS, SENIOR CENTER AND TWO SUBDIVISIONS ARE WITHIN A MILE AND A HALF OF THE POTENTIAL EPICENTER.

A MAJORITY OF AMARGOSA VALLEY RESIDENTS HAVE OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, WORKED OR HAD INPUT TO DEVELOP THE AREA PLAN. IT'S BASE IS TO SET A DEFFINITION OF WHAT THE GROWTH OF OUR TOWN SHOULD LOOK LIKE. IT TRY'S TO PROJECT WHAT WE VALUE: CLEAN QUIET LIVING WHERE WE CAN WATCH THE SUNSETS FROM THE FRONT PORCH. NOTHING IN THIS APPLICATION, FOR THIS RIGHT OF WAY, WORKS WITH OUR AREA PLAN. THE LAND SURROUNDING THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED SUBDIVISIONS, PARKS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, MEDICAL CENTER, LIBRARY, COMMUNITY CENTER, FIRE STATION, AMBULANCE CENTER, CEMETERY, AND SHERIFF SUB STATION, IN THIS APPLICATION, IF ALLOWED WILL NOT ALLOW GROWTH AND RESIDENCES WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY, NEAR PUBLIC AREAS. THE PROPOSED PANEL FABRICATION AREA IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PARK, WITH A PREVALING WIND FROM THE SOUTHWEST, HOW MUCH WELDING FUMES, DUST, AND OTHER POTENTIAL HAZARDS WILL STUDENTS, BALL PLAYERS, PICNICERS HAVE TO BREATHE? WELDERS ARE NOT GOING TO STAND IN WATER WELDING, SO WHATS THE DUST CONTROL? A SUFFICANT? WHERE IS THE MSDS?

THE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT (POD) BY SOLAR MILLENNIUM SAY'S THAT ALL CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC WILL COME ON FARM ROAD FROM STATE HIGHWAY 373. IN ORDER TO GET TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE ALL TRAFFIC WILL PASS THE AFFORE MENTIONED PUBLIC SERVICES AND THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HOW MANY INJURED OR DEAD STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND SOLAR MILLENNIUM IF THIS APPLICATION IS MOVED FORWARD?

WATER! HOW MUCH WATER? THIS IS A DESERT. IT'S OUR MOST VALUEABLE RESOURCE.

IF I SOUND HARSH, IT'S BECAUSE I'M SCARED. THIS TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL POWER PLANT DOES NOT BELONG IN OR NEAR A TOWN OF ANY SIZE. LOOK AT ANY PICTURE IN THE SOLAR MILLENNIUM POD, WEB

SITE, AND THERE AREN'T ANY HOMES, OR SCHOOLS NEARBY! WHY? WHY HERE?

I DO HAVE A SOLUTION. HAVE SOLAR MILLENNIUM REAPPLY FOR A ROW, A MINIMUM OF 5 MILES NORTH OF FARM ROAD ALONG VALLEYVIEW ROAD. ALLOW AN EASEMENT FOR WATER PIPELINE AND TRANSMISSION LINES ALONG POWERLINE ROAD NORTH TO THE NEW SITING. APPLICATIONS ARE JUDGED ON "BEST USE" NOT FIRST COME FIRST SERVED AND SOLAR MILLENNIUM SEEMS PREPARED TO GET UNDER CONSTRUCTION QUICKLY. THE TRAFFIC WILL ROUTE ALONG US HWY 95 TO VALLEYVIEW AND INTO THE PROJECT WITH MINIMAL IMPACT. IT'S CLOSER TO THE AREA CURRENTLY STUDIED FOR THE PEIS AND ANOTHER TRANSMISSION LINE.