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While the Draft 2014 IEPR Update, posted 11/10/14, does deliver a hopeful message of “clean air and water, efficient and productive use of energy and resources, healthy communities, and economic vitality,” it does not include analyses of all relevant:

1. Energy production technology, which can actually deliver on this hopeful message, (i.e. http://flibe-energy.com/?page_id=874, <http://thorconpower.com>, <http://terrestrialenergy.com/terrestrial-energy-announces-initial-collaboration-oak-ridge-national-laboratory/>), and
2. Past and future energy demand and supply trends, <http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/issues/energy/renewables-and-nuclear-at-a-glance>,

Consequently, the Draft 2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report Scoping Order must be revised as follows, in order to insure that the California Energy Commission prepares a credible and achievable Update:

1. Add the following under Renewables: “use by 2030, including all public health impacts of continuing to rely primarily on fossil fuels and renewables, to achieve a goal which is not supported by credible energy demand and supply projections.”
2. Add the following under Electricity: “Assess current efforts by the U.S. Department of Energy and Terrestrial Energy, at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, to meet global and statewide energy demand with a proven, clean, safe, abundant energy producing technology.”
3. Add the following under Electricity: “Assess all public health impacts resulting from closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Plant, and the potential closure of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Generation Plant.”

Sincerely,

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