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**LETTER FROM
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PROJECT **STOP BLIGHT SOURCE!**

Subject: Letter To CEC

It is with a strong conviction I write this letter to you concerning the planned implementation of the HHSEGS, and many other similar operations.

While it is understood by most, the urgent need for alternative energy to replace wasteful and polluting technology of the past, I implore upon you to more closely examine the true hideous nature of SEGS.

I and many others consider these systems to be engineering and environmental abominations, realized more for their profit making potential, than what's sound for the environment and the publics interests.

The very thought of contaminating the deserts of the southwest United States with these "mirrored monstrosities", and their many hundred foot watchtowers is repugnant indeed!

The fact that SEGS technology is not truly "green" must be addressed.

These systems are behemoths, that are overly complex, and rely heavily upon industrial means for their operation. This is in much contrast to the truly clean energy provided by photovoltaics and windpower.

While it is acknowledged that SEGS systems produce more energy per acre than photovoltaics and windpower, they only do so at a terrible cost to the public and environment.

Considering the short thirty year lifespan of a SEGS power plant, such an operation should not be embraced as a wise or prudent energy investment of the future.

These unproven systems are nothing more than a short-term "gimmick" at a time when the nation needs long-term solutions. To give rubber stamp approval to the many planned SEGS power plants would be irresponsible and premature, in light of its sinister nature and unproven complexities.

Instead, I urge you to invest wisely in proven “green” technology such as photovoltaics, windpower and building conservation!

One of the often overlooked areas of energy conservation is the enormous expenditure of electricity for lifting ground water with submersible pumps.

I highly recommend investing in water pumping windmills to alleviate this wasteful practice.