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**Systems Assessment and  
 Facilities Siting Division**

**FILE: 06-AFC 02**

**PROJECT TITLE: Highgrove Peaker - AES**

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<b>NAME:</b>	Ellie Townsend-Hough	<b>DATE:</b>	August 10, 2006
<b>WITH:</b>	Yolanda Garza	<b>TIME:</b>	2:00 PM
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	: DTSC RELATIONSHIP WITH HIGHGROVE PROJECT		

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The California Hazardous Waste Control Act, California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5, Article 2, Section 25100, et seq., authorizes the California State Department of Toxic Substances Control and local certified unified program agencies (CUPA) to regulate facilities that generate or treat hazardous waste.

The existing Highgrove facility is considered a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) facility. The facility either treats, stores or disposed of hazardous waste. Initially SCE did not consider their generating plants RCRA facilities. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) took SCE to court so that 12 of the SCE facilities would be declared RCRA facilities. The 12 SCE facilities we considered RCRA facilities because there are retention basins on each of the facility. The retention basins have wastewater that contains boiler cleaning chemicals. In 1994, a judge agreed with DTSC and placed a Stipulation Order on SCE. After the Stipulation Order deregulation came about and SCE started selling the various generating plants and adjoining facilities, therefore, no much was accomplished. Also, DTSC had only one engineer working on all 12 of the facilities.

There is a Corrective Action on the AES Highgrove facility. A Corrective Action is a long involved process that takes many steps (see below). The DTSC is in the process of performing a RCRA Facility Investigation that not only includes the generating station, but also includes the site for the high school, the tank farm, and the park. It includes the site for the high school because at some point SCE owned the lumber yard, which includes the high school site. DTSC is reviewing the high school site on an accelerated rate for the school district.

DTSC was approached by the applicant so that the Corrective Action could move forward. The applicant is supposed to negotiate with DTSC work so that work on the generating plant demolition would proceed while the Corrective Action is going on. AES is to work on the Consent Agreement Negotiation and develop a Current Conditions Report.

The one engineer at DTSC that works on the project is on vacation for a month. DTSC will find someone to work with the Commission on the project. I will call DTSC back on Wednesday.



**Corrective Action**

1. RCRA Facility Assessment
2. Evidence of Contamination

3. Corrective Action Order	4. Consent Agreement Negotiation	5. Stipulation Order (Judge)
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6. RCRA Facility Investigation ( site investigation, borings, sampling groundwater monitoring)
7. Health Risk Assessment
8. Establish Clean-up Levels
9. Corrective Measure Study
10. Public Notice
11. Record of Decision
12. CEQA Equivalent Document
13. Corrective Measure Implementation

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