



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Mojave NPRES
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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: ARRA: Baker Compound-Install Solar Electric Yard Lights
Project ID: 09-moja-045/PEPC 26866

Project Description: Mojave National Preserve is receiving funds under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to install solar powered yard lights for the Baker maintenance & residential compound. The Baker compound is lit by the high intensity lights that were used by Caltrans when they had to operate in the yard at night. This project proposal would replace the two 40+/- foot high light posts that have three high intensity flood lights on each post with five, 15-20 foot high poles with one self contained solar electric lighting systems on each pole.

Project Locations:

Location

County: San Bernardino

State: CA

District: Town of Baker

Section: NPS Maintenance Yard

Geo. Marker:

Other:

Mitigation(s):

- No mitigations identified

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

C.18 Construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas.

Mojave National Preserve staff has completed an interdisciplinary review of the proposed action. No significant adverse impacts to the natural or cultural resources of Mojave National Preserve were identified. The project will be confined to the Baker maintenance yard, which the National Park Service uses under a right-of-way agreement with the Bureau of Land Management. Solar lights will be installed throughout the maintenance yard on 15' to 20' poles. Impairment to the park's natural and cultural resources will not occur as a result of this project's implementation. The National Park Service can, therefore, proceed with the acquisition and installation of a 6.7 Kw solar system on the Baker office building.

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On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

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