

**CONSTRUCTION AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT
TULE WIND PROJECT
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INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Existing Site Characterization

The project site has an effective working footprint of 38.3 square-miles (24,500 acres)¹ located in the eastern portion of San Diego County in the community of Boulevard, CA as shown in Figure 1a on the following page. Regional access to the site is obtained from the Ribbonwood Road exit, off Interstate 8 (I-8) and McCain Valley Road.

The development site consists of steep and rugged terrain areas located primarily on federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or other public lands, such as those maintained by the California State Lands Commission, and the Cuyapaipe Band of Mission Indians (denoted as the red shaded areas, as shown in Figure 1b on Page 3 of this report). A small portion of the project site resides on privately owned lands under the jurisdiction of the County of San Diego, with the majority of the project area being outside the land use jurisdiction of the County of San Diego. Elevations across the site are markedly varied and range from approximately 3,500 to 5,600 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Project Description

The Tule Wind Project proposes the construction of a 200-megawatt (MW) wind turbine power generating facility within the McCain Valley area of eastern San Diego County. Pacific Wind Development LLC is proposing to construct and operate the Tule Wind Project located near Boulevard, California. The proposed wind generation project will consist of the following components:

- Up to 134 wind turbines, ranging in size between 328 and 492 feet in height, to produce 200 MW of electricity, as denoted in Figures 2a through -e starting on Page 4 of this report;
- Construct a five-acre collector substation and five-acre operation and maintenance (O&M) facility as denoted as brown polygons in Figures 2a through -e;
- Construct a 34.5 kV electrical collector grid (denoted as –E– in Figures 2a through -e) connecting the turbines to the collector substation, and construct a 138-kilovolt (kV) overhead and underground transmission line (denoted as –T– in Figures 2a through -e) running south from the proposed substation to the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Boulevard Substation;
- Construct access roads between turbines and perform improvements to existing roadways, as denoted in red in Figure 3 on Page 9 of this report;
- Construct a temporary five-acre batch plant for construction activities, as well as a temporary 10-acre parking area, and nineteen two-acre lay down areas; and,
- Construct two permanent meteorological towers and one SODAR Unit.

¹ Determined to consist of the worst-case polygon enclosing the turbine locations and access roads shown in Figure 3 of this report.

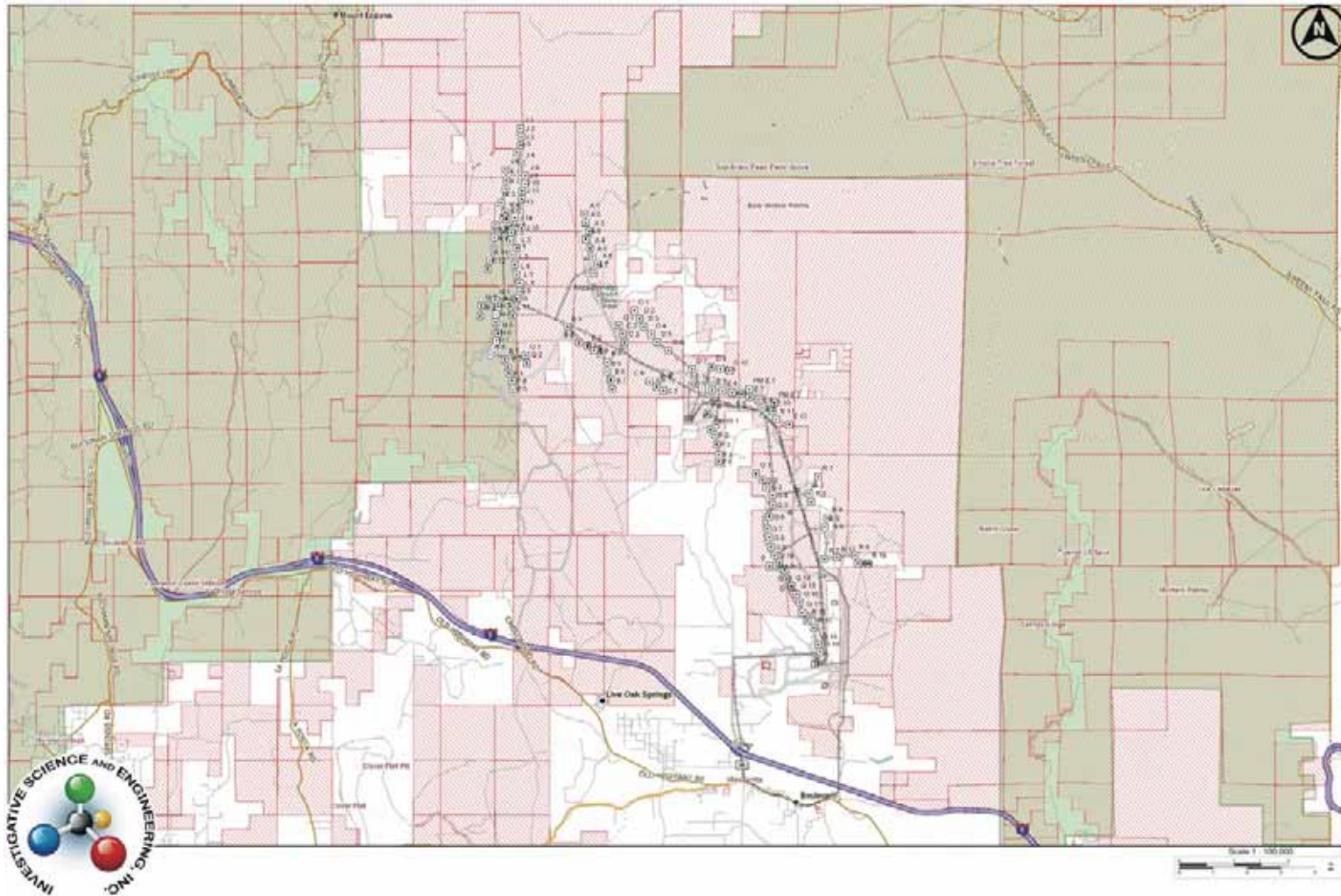


FIGURE 1b: Project Jurisdictional Land Use Map (ISE 9/10)

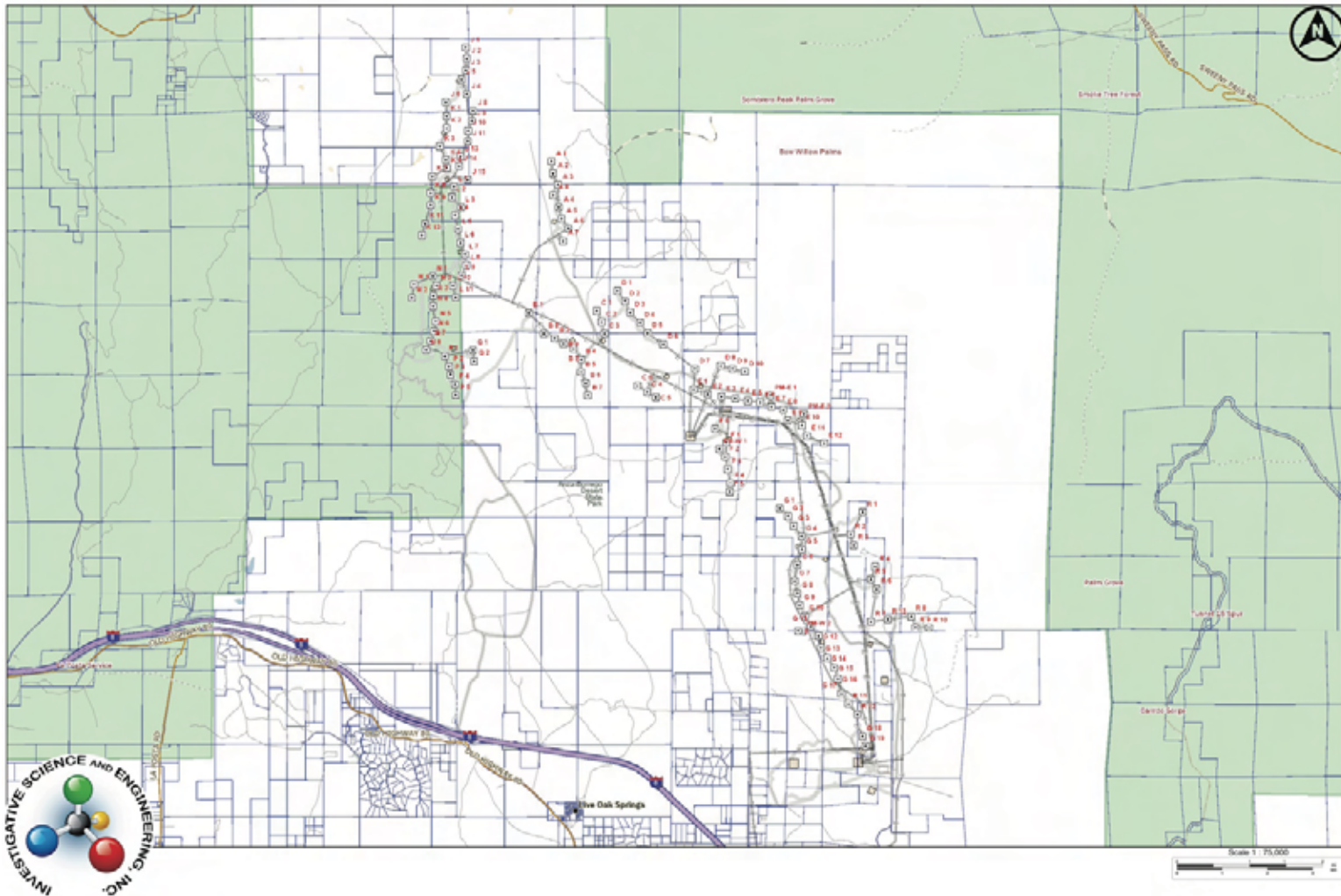


FIGURE 2a: Proposed Tule Wind Project Overview Map (ISE 9/10)

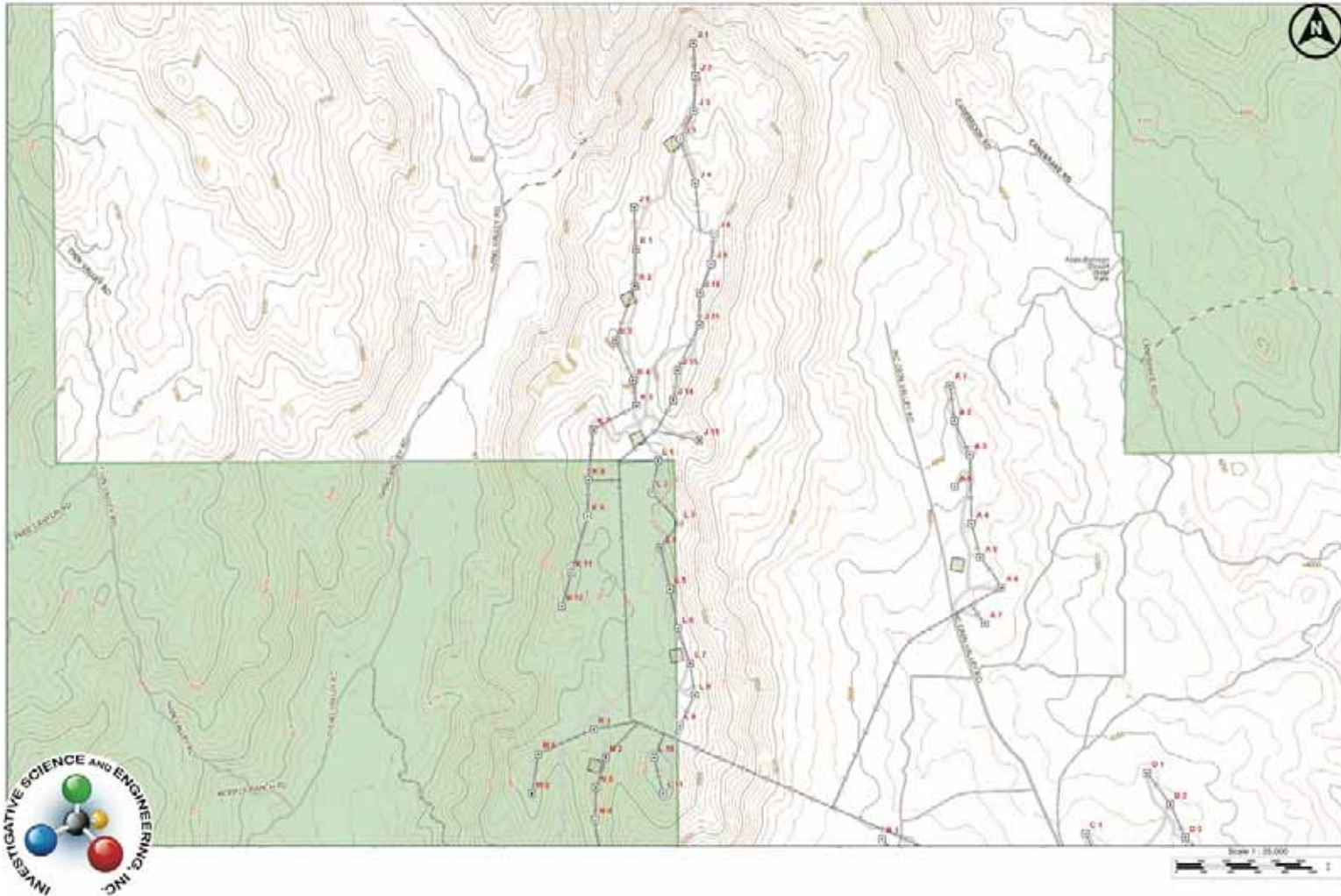


FIGURE 2b: Proposed Tule Wind Project Turbine Configuration – Sheet 1 (ISE 9/10)

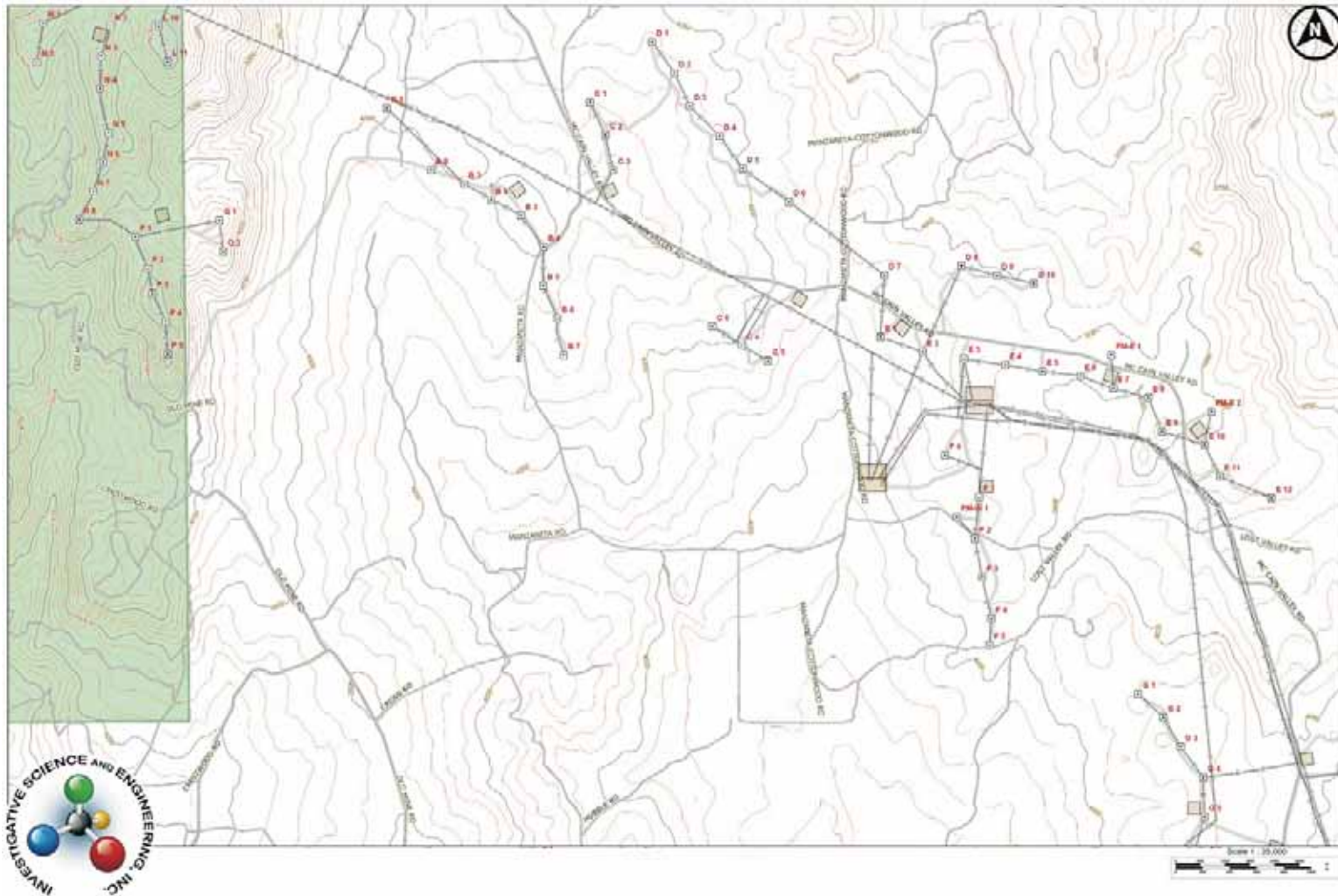


FIGURE 2c: Proposed Tule Wind Project Turbine Configuration – Sheet 2 (ISE 9/10)

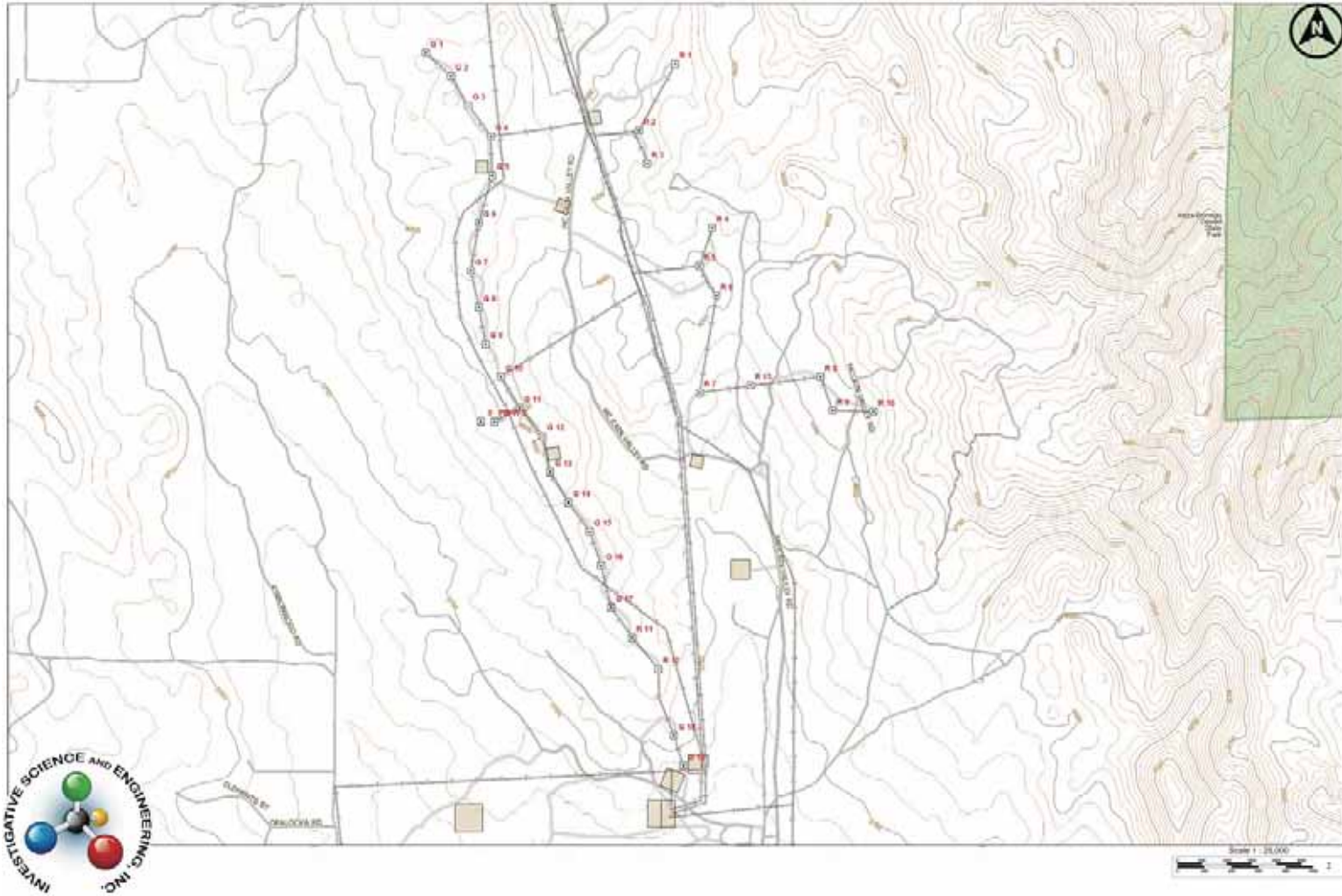


FIGURE 2d: Proposed Tule Wind Project Turbine Configuration – Sheet 3 (ISE 9/10)



FIGURE 2e: Proposed Tule Wind Project Turbine Configuration – Sheet 4 (ISE 9/10)

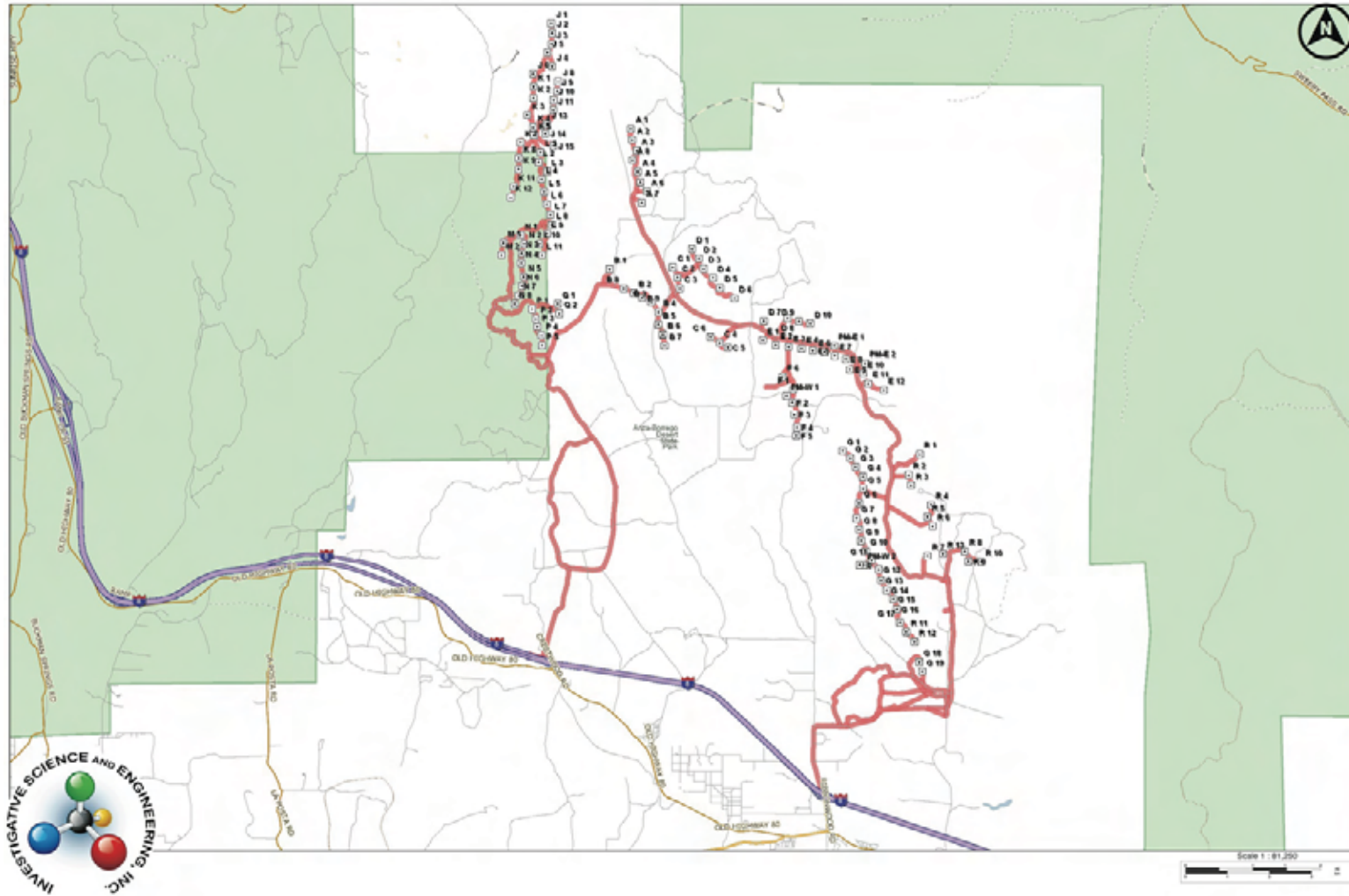


FIGURE 3: Proposed Tule Wind Project Access Road Configuration (ISE 9/10)

Project construction activities will avoid excessive grading on roads, road embankments, ditches, and drainages to the extent possible to maintain a minimal footprint. A temporary construction work area will be cleared for each wind turbine tower. Work areas may vary in size, and may be constructed differently in keeping with each site's topography (although for the purposes of analysis within this report, an average estimate of construction effort will be examined). The proposed construction influence area (and subsequent study area within this report) is shown in Figure 4 on the following page.

Each turbine work area will require up to a 200-foot radius to be cleared and leveled. The cleared area is necessary for foundation excavation and construction, assembling turbine sections, and also to stage the construction crane, which will hoist turbine sections into place. The turbine construction area will not be paved. Permanent wind tower foundations will be approximately 60 feet in diameter, and seven to ten feet in depth. After turbine erection has been completed, a 9 to 10-foot wide area around the base of the tower will be surfaced with gravel. The gravel will provide a stable surface area for maintenance vehicles, and will minimize surface erosion and runoff.

Underground electrical and communications cables will be placed in a 3 to 5-foot wide, and 3 to 5-foot deep trench, generally along the length of the proposed turbine access roads. Electrical cables will be installed first and the trench will be partially backfilled before placing communications cables. The topsoil in the trench will be stripped and set aside before the trench is backfilled, with topsoil replaced on the uppermost layer. Concrete or fiberglass vaults and splice boxes will be placed at necessary locations. Boxes will have locked lids to prevent public access. The vaults will be about 5 x 5 x 8 feet, and will be placed approximately 2,500 feet apart.

Aboveground collector lines will use steel poles that are 60 to 80 feet in height; taller heights may be needed to cross washes or drainages. Aboveground lines are normally used to span canyons or streams to eliminate the habitat disturbance that trenching causes in these areas. The interconnection transmission line, operating at a voltage of 138 kV, and leading from the Project substation to the Boulevard substation will be above ground for all or a portion of its length. The exact location for transmission poles will be determined closer to final engineering and design.

Finally, roads will be designed in accordance with County Standards. Transportation routing will be conducted to minimize impacts to normal traffic flow during the transport of turbine components, main assembly cranes, and other large pieces of equipment. After construction is complete, the applicant will work to restore vegetation to pre-construction standards for all disturbed areas.



FIGURE 4: Isometric Aerial Photograph w/ Proposed Project Uses (ISE 9/10)

Upon completion of construction, the project would be supported by up to 10 permanent full-time or part-time employees on the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) staff. Typically, these staff will be present on site during normal business hours. Maintenance activities will be limited to areas accessible by the permanent access roads provided during the construction phase. Each turbine would be serviced approximately twice a year. Turbine servicing activities might include temporarily deploying a crane, removing the turbine rotor, replacing generators, bearings, and deploying personnel to climb the towers to service parts within the turbine.

Computer systems inside each turbine would perform self-diagnostic tests and allow a remote operator to set new operating parameters, perform system checks, and ensure turbines are operating at peak performance. Turbines would automatically shut down if sustained winds reach 50 miles per hour (mph) or gusts reach about 56 mph. There would be no operational air quality issues associated with the proposed Tule Wind Project.

Air Quality Definitions

Air quality is defined by ambient air concentrations of specific pollutants determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be of concern with respect to the health and welfare of the public. The subject pollutants, which are monitored by the EPA, are Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Ozone (O₃), respirable 10- and 2.5-micron particulate matter (PM₁₀), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Reactive Organic Gasses (ROG), Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S), sulfates, lead, and visibility reducing particles.

Examples of sources and effects of these pollutants are identified starting below as:

- Carbon Monoxide (CO): Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and toxic gas resulting from the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels. CO interferes with the blood's ability to carry oxygen to the body's tissues and results in numerous adverse health effects. CO is a criteria air pollutant.
- Oxides of Sulfur (SO_x): Typically strong smelling, colorless gases that are formed by the combustion of fossil fuels. SO₂ and other sulfur oxides contribute to the problem of acid deposition. SO₂ is a criteria pollutant.
- Nitrogen Oxides (Oxides of Nitrogen, or NO_x): Nitrogen oxides (NO_x) consist of nitric oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and nitrous oxide (N₂O); these are formed when nitrogen (N₂) combines with oxygen (O₂). Their lifespans in the atmosphere range from one to seven days for nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide, and 170 years for nitrous oxide. Nitrogen oxides are typically created during combustion processes, and are major contributors to smog formation and acid deposition. NO₂ is a criteria air pollutant, and may result in numerous adverse health effects. It absorbs blue light, resulting in a brownish-red cast to the atmosphere and reduced visibility.

- Ozone (O₃): A strong smelling, pale blue, reactive toxic chemical gas consisting of three oxygen atoms. It is a product of the photochemical process involving the sun's energy. Ozone exists in the upper atmosphere ozone layer, as well as at the earth's surface. Ozone at the earth's surface causes numerous adverse health effects and is a criteria air pollutant. It is a major component of smog.
- PM₁₀ (Particulate Matter less than 10 microns): A major air pollutant consisting of tiny solid or liquid particles of soot, dust, smoke, fumes, and aerosols. The size of the particles (10 microns or smaller, about 0.0004 inches or less) allows them to easily enter the lungs, where they may be deposited, resulting in adverse health effects. PM₁₀ also causes visibility reduction and is a criteria air pollutant.
- PM_{2.5} (Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns): A similar air pollutant consisting of tiny solid or liquid particles which are 2.5 microns or smaller (often referred to as fine particles). These particles are formed in the atmosphere from primary gaseous emissions that include sulfates formed from SO₂ release from power plants and industrial facilities, and nitrates that are formed from NO_x release from power plants, automobiles and other types of combustion sources. The chemical composition of fine particles highly depends on location, time of year, and weather conditions.
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC): Volatile organic compounds are hydrocarbon compounds (any compound containing various combinations of hydrogen and carbon atoms) that exist in the ambient air. VOC's contribute to the formation of smog through atmospheric photochemical reactions and/or may be toxic. Compounds of carbon (also known as organic compounds) have different levels of reactivity; that is, they do not react at the same speed or do not form ozone to the same extent, when exposed to photochemical processes. VOC's often have an odor, and some examples include gasoline, alcohol, and the solvents used in paints. Exceptions to the VOC designation include: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides or carbonates, and ammonium carbonate.
- Reactive Organic Gasses (ROG): Similar to VOC, Reactive Organic Gasses (ROG) are also precursors in forming ozone, and consist of compounds containing methane, ethane, propane, butane, and longer chain hydrocarbons which are typically the result of some type of combustion/decomposition process. Smog is formed when ROG and nitrogen oxides react in the presence of sunlight.
- Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S): A colorless, flammable, poisonous compound having a characteristic rotten-egg odor. It often results when bacteria break down organic matter in the absence of oxygen. High concentrations of 500-800 ppm can be fatal and lower levels cause eye irritation and other respiratory effects.
- Sulfates: An inorganic ion that is generally naturally occurring and is one of several classifications of minerals containing positive sulfur ions bonded to negative oxygen ions.
- Lead: A malleable, metallic element of bluish-white appearance that readily oxidizes to a grayish color. Lead is a toxic substance that can cause damage to the nervous system or blood cells. The use of lead in gasoline, paints, and plumbing compounds has been strictly regulated or eliminated, such that today it poses a very small risk.

- Visibility Reducing Particles (VRP): VRP's are just what the name implies, namely, small particles that occlude visibility and/or increase glare or haziness. Since sulfate emissions (notably SO₂) have been found to be a significant contributor to visibility-reducing particles, Congress mandated reductions in annual emissions of SO₂ from fossil fuels starting in 1995.

The EPA has established ambient air quality standards for these pollutants. These standards are called the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).² The California Air Resources Board (CARB) subsequently established the more stringent California Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS).³ Both sets of standards are shown in Figure 5 on the following page. Areas in California where ambient air concentrations of pollutants are higher than the state standard are considered to be in “*non-attainment*” status for that pollutant.



THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Thresholds

The EPA is responsible for enforcing the Federal Clean Air Act of 1970 (United States Code, Title 42, Chapter 85) and subsequent amendments. The Federal Clean Air Act (CAA) established the aforementioned NAAQS for the protection of human health and public welfare. The NAAQS represent the maximum levels of background pollution that provide an adequate margin of safety to protect the public health and welfare.

The CAA allows states to adopt ambient air quality standards and other regulations provided they are at least as stringent as federal standards. The California Clean Air Act of 1988 established CAAQS for criteria pollutants and additional standards for sulfates, hydrogen sulfide, vinyl chloride, and visibility reducing particles. CARB is the state regulatory agency with authority to enforce regulations to achieve and maintain the CAAQS, except in areas where the local air quality management district has been given authority over stationary source emissions. CARB required each air basin to develop its own strategy for achieving the NAAQS and CAAQS and still maintains regulatory authority over these strategies as well as mobile source emissions statewide.

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) is the local agency for the administration and enforcement of air quality regulations; it adopted the Regional Air Quality Strategy (RAQS) to comply with CARB requirements for developing this plan.

² Under the Federal Clean Air Act of 1970, U.S.C. Title 42, Chapter 85, as amended in 1977 and 1990.

³ The new CARB eight-hour ozone standard became effective in early 2006. The new federal PM_{2.5} standard became effective in early 2007.

Pollutant	Averaging Time	California Standards		Federal Standards		
		Concentration	Method	Primary	Secondary	Method
Ozone (O ₃)	1 Hour	0.09 ppm (180 µg/m ³)	Ultraviolet Photometry	—	Same as Primary Standard	Ultraviolet Photometry
	8 Hour	0.070 ppm (137 µg/m ³)		0.075 ppm (147 µg/m ³)		
Respirable Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	24 Hour	50 µg/m ³	Gravimetric or Beta Attenuation	150 µg/m ³	Same as Primary Standard	Inertial Separation and Gravimetric Analysis
	Annual Arithmetic Mean	20 µg/m ³		—		
Fine Particulate Matter (PM _{2.5})	24 Hour	No Separate State Standard		35 µg/m ³	Same as Primary Standard	Inertial Separation and Gravimetric Analysis
	Annual Arithmetic Mean	12 µg/m ³	Gravimetric or Beta Attenuation	15.0 µg/m ³		
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	8 Hour	9.0 ppm (10mg/m ³)	Non-Dispersive Infrared Photometry (NDIR)	9 ppm (10 mg/m ³)	None	Non-Dispersive Infrared Photometry (NDIR)
	1 Hour	20 ppm (23 mg/m ³)		35 ppm (40 mg/m ³)		
	8 Hour (Lake Tahoe)	6 ppm (7 mg/m ³)		—		
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	Annual Arithmetic Mean	0.030 ppm (57 µg/m ³)	Gas Phase Chemiluminescence	0.053 ppm (100 µg/m ³)	Same as Primary Standard	Gas Phase Chemiluminescence
	1 Hour	0.18 ppm (339 µg/m ³)		—		
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	Annual Arithmetic Mean	—	Ultraviolet Fluorescence	0.030 ppm (80 µg/m ³)	—	Spectrophotometry (Pararosaniline Method)
	24 Hour	0.04 ppm (105 µg/m ³)		0.14 ppm (365 µg/m ³)	0.5 ppm (1300 µg/m ³)	
	3 Hour	—		—	—	—
	1 Hour	0.25 ppm (655 µg/m ³)		—	—	—
Lead	30 Day Average	1.5 µg/m ³	Atomic Absorption	—	Same as Primary Standard	High Volume Sampler and Atomic Absorption
	Calendar Quarter	—		1.5 µg/m ³		
	Rolling 3-Month Average	—		0.15 µg/m ³		
Visibility Reducing Particles	8 Hour	Extinction coefficient of 0.23 per kilometer — visibility of ten miles or more (0.07 — 30 miles or more for Lake Tahoe) due to particles when relative humidity is less than 70 percent. Method: Beta Attenuation and Transmittance through Filter Taps.		No Federal Standards		
Sulfates	24 Hour	25 µg/m ³	Ion Chromatography			
Hydrogen Sulfide	1 Hour	0.03 ppm (42 µg/m ³)	Ultraviolet Fluorescence			
Vinyl Chloride	24 Hour	0.01 ppm (26 µg/m ³)	Gas Chromatography			

FIGURE 5: Ambient Air Quality Standards Matrix (after CARB/EPA, updated 11/17/08)

In 1979, the EPA required each state to prepare a State Implementation Plan (SIP), which describes how the state will achieve compliance with the NAAQS. A SIP is a compilation of goals, strategies, schedules, and enforcement actions that will lead the state (including the San Diego Air Basin) into compliance with all federal air quality standards. Every change in a compliance schedule or plan must be incorporated into the SIP. The Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA)⁴ established new deadlines for achievement of the NAAQS depending on the severity of nonattainment.

⁴ Specifically the CAAA of 1990, et. seq.

The CAAA of 1990 also mandates states to develop an operating permit program that requires all major sources of pollutants to obtain an air permit, and contains programs designed to reduce mobile source emissions and control emissions of hazardous air pollutants through establishing control technology guidelines for various classes of sources.

Clean Air Act Conformity

On November 30, 1993, the EPA instituted final rules for determining general conformity of federal actions with state and federal air quality implementation plans. In order to demonstrate conformity with the Clean Air Act, a project must clearly demonstrate that it does not:

- 1) Cause or contribute to any new violation of any standard in any area;
- 2) Increase the frequency or severity of any existing violation of any standard in any area; or,
- 3) Delay timely attainment of any standard, any required interim emission reductions, or other milestones in any area.

The conformity rule applies to federal actions in areas that violate one or more of the federal air quality standards (nonattainment areas). A conformity analysis is required for each of the nonattainment pollutants or its precursor emissions. The EPA has developed specific procedures for conformity determinations for federal actions, which include preparing an assessment of emissions associated with the action based on the most recent emission estimates.

New Source Review

A New Source Review (NSR) is required when a source has the potential to emit any pollutant regulated under the Clean Air Act in amounts equal to or exceeding specified major source threshold (100 or 250 tons per year) which are predicated on the source's industrial category. A major modification to the source also triggers the need for an NSR.

A major modification is a physical change or change in the method of operation at an existing major source that causes a significant "net emission increase" at that source of any pollutant regulated under the Clean Air Act. Any new or modified stationary emission sources require permits from the SDAPCD to construct and operate. Through the SDAPCD's permitting process, all stationary sources are reviewed and are subject to an NSR process. The NSR process ensures that factors such as the

availability of emission offsets and their ability to reduce emissions are addressed and conform with the SIP.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Thresholds

Section 15382 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines defines a significant impact as,

“... a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.”

The minimum change in ambient air quality conditions within the County of San Diego, as identified by the San Diego Air Pollution Control District’s implementation of the CAA is outlined below.

CEQA Air Quality Screening Standards

The County of San Diego uses Appendix G.III of the State CEQA guidelines as thresholds of significance, and recognizes the SDAPCD’s established screening thresholds for air quality emissions (*Rules 20.1 et. seq.*) as screening standards. These standards focus on the following potential impact areas, namely, would the project:

- Conflict with, or obstruct, implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
- Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
- Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?
- Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

These screening standards will be applied throughout this air quality conformity assessment for the basis of determination of both regional, as well as localized, air quality impacts due to the proposed project.

SDAPCD Criteria Pollutant Standards

Pursuant to the California Health & Safety Code, jurisdiction for regulation of air emissions from non-mobile sources within San Diego County (inclusive of the project site) has been delegated to the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (APCD).⁵

⁵ Source: California Health & Safety Code, Division 26, Part 3, Chapter 1, Section §40002.

As part of its air quality permitting process, the APCD has established thresholds for the preparation of Air Quality Impact Assessments (AQIA's) and/or Air Quality Conformity Assessments (AQCA's).

APCD Rule 20.2, which outlines these screening level criteria, states that any project that results in an emission increase equal to or greater than any of these levels, must:

“... demonstrate through an AQIA . . . that the project will not (A) cause a violation of a State or national ambient air quality standard anywhere that does not already exceed such a standard, nor (B) cause additional violations of a national ambient air quality standard anywhere the standard is already being exceeded, nor (C) cause additional violations of a State ambient air quality standard anywhere the standard is already being exceeded, nor (D) prevent or interfere with the attainment or maintenance of any State or national ambient air quality standard.”

The applicable standards are shown in Table 1 below. For projects whose source emissions are below these criteria, no AQIA is typically required, and project level emissions are presumed to be less than significant. The County of San Diego accepts the use of these “screening criteria” as “*Thresholds of Significance*” by projects for the purposes of CEQA analysis.

TABLE 1: Thresholds of Significance for Air Quality Impacts

Pollutant	SDAPCD Thresholds of Significance (Pounds per Day)	Clean Air Act <i>less than significant</i> Levels (Tons per Year)
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	550	100
Oxides of Nitrogen (NO _x)	250	50
Oxides of Sulfur (SO _x)	250	100
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	100	100
Particulate Matter (PM _{2.5})	55	100
Volatile / Reactive Organic Compounds & Gasses (VOC/ROG)	75	50

Source: SDAPCD Rule 1501, 20.2(d)(2), 1995; EPA 40 CFR 93, 1993.

- Threshold for VOC's based on the threshold of significance for reactive organic gases (ROG's) from Chapter 6 of the CEQA Air Quality Handbook of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.
- Threshold for ROG's in the eastern portion of the County based on the threshold of significance for reactive organic gases (ROG's) from Chapter 6 of the CEQA Air Quality Handbook of the Southeast Desert Air Basin.
- Thresholds are applicable for either construction or operational phases of a project action.
- The PM_{2.5} threshold is based upon the proposed standard identified in the, “*Final – Methodology to Calculate Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 and PM 2.5 Significance Thresholds*”, published by SCAQMD in October 2006.

Under the General Conformity Rule, the EPA has developed a set of *de minimis* thresholds for all proposed federal actions in a non-attainment area for evaluating the significance of air quality impacts. It should be noted that the State (i.e., SDAPCD) standards are equal to, or more stringent than, the Federal Clean Air standards and would be applicable under the CAA.⁶ Development of the proposed project would therefore fall under the stricter SDAPCD guidelines.

These guidelines are compatible with those utilized elsewhere in the State (such as South Coast Air Quality Management District standards, etc.) as part of CEQA guidance documents. In the event that project emissions may approach or exceed these screening level criteria, modeling would be required to demonstrate that the project's ground-level concentrations, including appropriate background levels, are below the Federal and State Ambient Air Quality Standards.

For a conformity analysis, the existing ambient conditions are compared for the with- and without-project cases. If emissions exceed the allowable thresholds, additional analysis is conducted to determine whether the emissions would exceed an ambient air quality standard (i.e., the CAAQS values previously shown in Figure 5). Determination of significance considers both localized impacts (such as CO hotspots) and cumulative impacts. In the event that any criteria pollutant exceeds the threshold levels, the proposed action's impact on air quality is considered significant and mitigation measures would be required.

For CEQA purposes, these screening criteria are used as numeric methods to demonstrate that a project's total emissions (e.g. stationary and fugitive emissions, as well as emissions from mobile sources) would not result in a significant impact to air quality. Since APCD does not have AQIA thresholds for emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC's), the use of the screening level for reactive organic compounds (ROC) from the CEQA Air Quality Handbook for the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB), which has stricter standards for emissions of ROC's/VOC's than San Diego's, is appropriate. No differentiation is made between construction and operational emission thresholds within the SDAPCD.

⁶ A fact that can be verified through multiplication of the SDAPCD standards by 365 days and dividing by 2,000 pounds.

Combustion Toxics Risk Factors

When fuel burns in an engine, the resulting exhaust is made up of soot and gases representing hundreds of different chemical substances. The predominant constituents are:

- Nitrous Oxide
- Formaldehyde
- Sulfur Dioxide
- Carbon Dioxide
- Nitrogen Dioxide
- Benzene
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Carbon Monoxide

Over ninety-percent (90%) of the exhaust emissions from an engine consist of soot particles whose size is equal to, or less than, 10-microns in diameter. Particles of this size can easily be inhaled and deposited in the lungs. Diesel exhaust contains roughly 20 to 100 times more emissive particles than gasoline exhaust. Of principal concern are particles of cancer causing substances known as *polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons* (PAH's).⁷

There are inherent uncertainties in risk assessment with regard to the identification of compounds as causing cancer or other adverse health effects in humans, the cancer potencies and Reference Exposure Levels (REL's)⁸ of compounds, and the exposure that individuals receive. It is common practice to use conservative (health protective) assumptions with respect to uncertain parameters. The uncertainties and conservative assumptions must be considered when evaluating the results of risk assessments.

Since the potential health effects of contaminants are commonly identified based on animal studies, there is uncertainty in the application of these findings to humans. In addition, for many compounds it is uncertain whether the health effects observed at higher exposure levels in the laboratory or in occupational settings will occur at lower environmental exposure levels. In order to ensure that potential health impacts are not underestimated, it is commonly assumed that effects seen in animals, or at high exposure levels, could potentially occur in humans following low-level environmental exposure.

⁷ Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's) are hydrocarbon compounds with multiple benzene rings. PAH's are a group of approximately 10,000 compounds which result predominately from the incomplete burning of carbon-containing materials like oil, wood, garbage or coal.

⁸ The exposure level at which there are no biologically significant increases in the frequency or severity of adverse effects between the exposed population and the control group. Some effects may be produced at this level, but they are not considered adverse or precursors to adverse effects.

Estimates of potencies and REL's are derived from experimental animal studies, or from epidemiological studies of exposed workers or other populations.⁹ Uncertainty arises from the application of potency, or REL values derived from this data, to the general human population. There is debate as to the appropriate levels of risk assigned to diesel particulates, since the USEPA has not yet declared diesel particulates as a toxic air contaminant.

Using the CARB threshold, a risk concentration level of one in one million (1:1,000,000) of continuous 70-year exposure is considered less than significant. A risk exposure level of ten in one million (10:1,000,000) is acceptable if Toxic Best Available Control Technologies (T-BACT's) are used. It should be noted that this type of reporting is only strictly applicable to large populations (such as entire air basins), where the sample group is sizeable, and the exposure time is long (which is not the case for project-level construction projects).

For purposes of analysis under this report, and to be consistent with the approaches used for other toxic pollutants, a functional comparison of the aforementioned risk probability per individual person exposed to construction contaminants will be examined. This approach has the advantage of not needing to quantify the population of the statistical group adjacent to the construction (which could yield false values), as well as allowing the per-person risk to be expressed as a final percentage (with a percentage level of 100% being equal to the impact threshold). Of course, for a large enough population sample (i.e., a million people or more) the results are identical to CARB's prediction methodology.



ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

The analysis criteria for air quality impacts are based upon the approach recommended by the *South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) CEQA Handbook*.¹⁰ The handbook establishes aggregate emission calculations for determining the potential significance of a proposed action. In the event that the emissions exceed the established thresholds, air dispersion modeling may be conducted to assess whether the proposed action results in an exceedance of an air quality standard. The County of San Diego has adopted this methodology.


⁹ Source: CalEPA, USEPA, SCAQMD, 2001 et. seq.

¹⁰ The SCAQMD CEQA Handbook is a reference volume containing an extensive list of semi-empirical (quantified experimental) curve-fit equations describing various emissive sources having important context under CEQA. The equations are not perfect (in that they would not constitute an 'exact solution' in a scientific sense), but are nonetheless a reasonable approximation of the physical problem. In the same light, programs which utilize the SCAQMD semi-empirical methodology (such as *URBEMIS 2007* and the like) provide no greater problem understanding than using the equations directly. Such programs are still subject to all of the same limitations as the methods and equations on which they rely.

Ambient Air Quality Data Collection

CARB Air Monitoring Station Data within Project Vicinity

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) monitors ambient air quality at approximately 250 air-monitoring stations across the state. Air quality monitoring stations usually measure pollutant concentrations 10 feet above ground level; therefore, air quality is often referred to in terms of ground-level concentrations. Ambient air pollutant concentrations are measured at 10 air-quality-monitoring stations operated by the SDAPCD. Neighboring Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) maintains seven air-quality-monitoring stations operated by either ICAPCD or CARB.

Two ambient air-quality-monitoring stations (denoted by the symbol  in Figure 6 on the following page), which are in relatively close proximity to the project site, and would be representative of ambient air toxics under both onshore and offshore atmospheric wind conditions, are located within the San Diego air basin¹¹ approximately 26.7 miles from the project site (Alpine Monitoring Station denoted by the red circle), and within the Salton Sea Air Basin¹² approximately 43.8 miles distant (El Centro Monitoring Station denoted by the blue circle). Given the location of the project site with respect to the eastern San Diego desert regions, the El Centro monitoring station has high significance, due to the dominant high pressure condition driving offshore flow past the project site due to extreme temperatures within this region.

The Alpine monitoring station currently records NO₂, O₃ and PM_{2.5}, while the El Centro monitoring station records a larger selection of criteria pollutants consisting of CO, NO₂, O₃, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. Both stations record various meteorological parameters, such as barometric pressure, wind speed, etc. Other stations within the project vicinity present either incomplete or redundant data, or were determined not to be representative of localized ambient air quality conditions present at the project site.

Finally, due to the type of equipment employed at each station, not every station is capable of recording the entire set of criteria pollutants previously identified in Table 1. Periodic audits are conducted to ensure calibration conformance.¹³

¹¹ Alpine Monitoring Station (2300 Victoria Dr, Alpine CA 91901) – ARB Station ID 80128.

¹² El Centro Monitoring Station (150 9th St, El Centro CA 92243) – ARB Station ID 13694.

¹³ Calibration of CARB equipment is performed in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 40 CFR, Part 58, Appendix A protocol with all equipment traceable to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standards. The typical accuracy of the equipment is ±15% for gasses (such as CO, NO_x, etc.) and ±10% for PM₁₀.

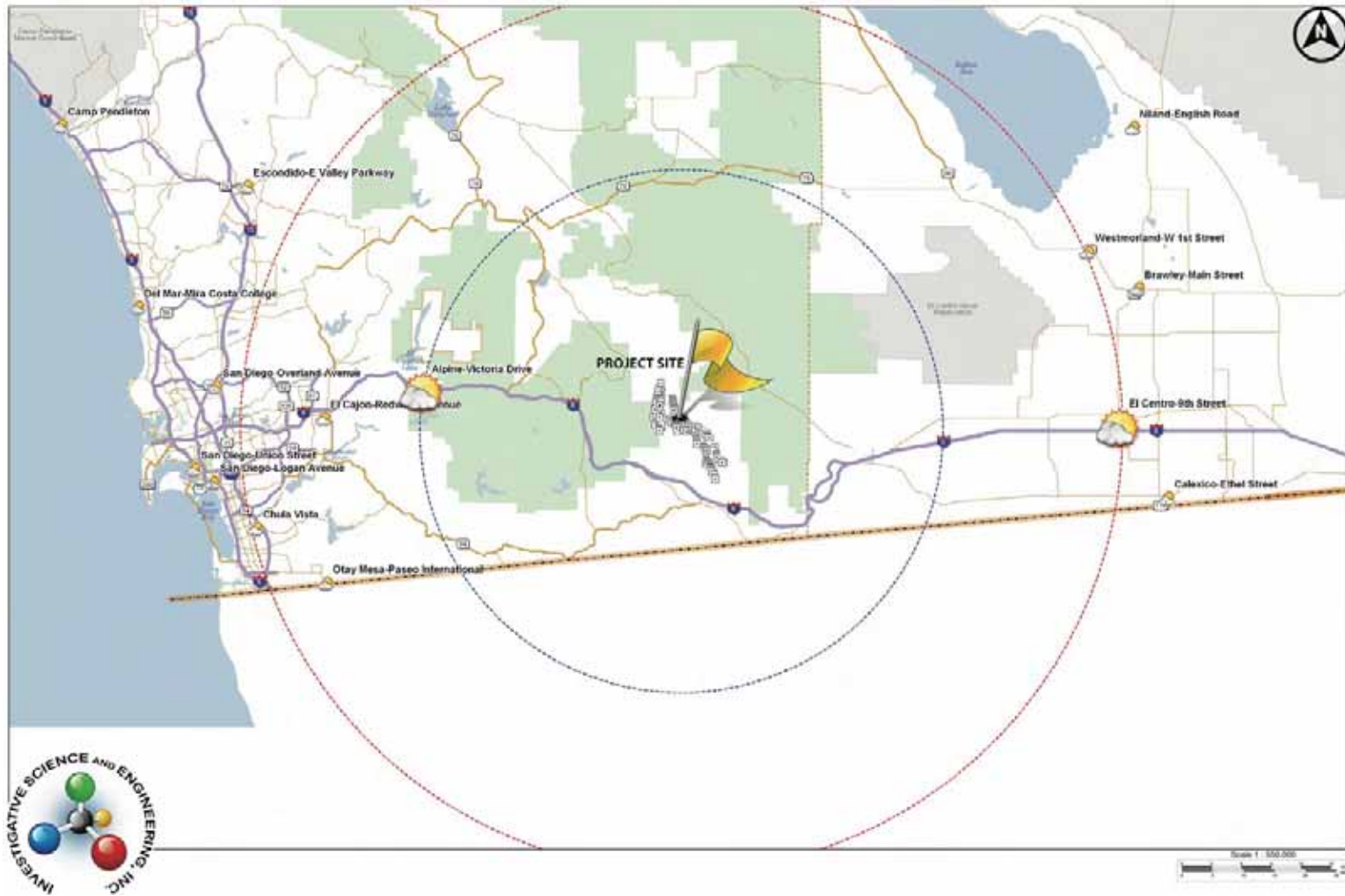


FIGURE 6: Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station Location Map (ISE 9/10)

Onsite Air Quality Monitoring and Analysis

Additionally, an ambient air sample was collected on the project site along McCain Valley Road in the vicinity of proposed turbine locations E-12 and R-1 at a height of 5.0-feet above the current ground level using a negative pressure sampling apparatus. The test setup is shown in Figures 7a and -b, below, (the reader is referred back to the aerial image shown in Figure 4 on Page 11 of this report to spatially reference the monitoring location with respect to surrounding landmarks).

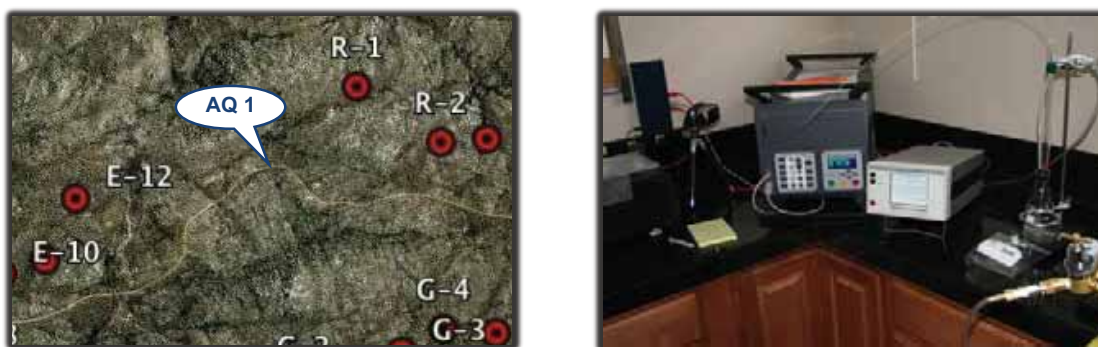


FIGURE 7a and -b: Ambient Air Quality Sampling Location AQ 1 / Analysis Procedure (ISE 2/10)

The sample was collected in a 0.7-liter Teflon sample (Tedlar) bag¹⁴, and sealed upon completion of testing. Onsite testing conditions indicated an ambient dry-bulb air temperature of 58.4 degrees Fahrenheit and relative humidity of 49-percent. The samples were maintained under Standard Temperature and Pressure Conditions (STP) during transit to the ISE test facility.

The bagged sample was tested for airborne toxics, as well as molecular composition using a Stanford Research Systems 300 AMU Universal Gas Analyzer (or UGA).¹⁵ This device, which consists of a Faraday cup quadrupole mass spectrometer, analyzes incoming gasses (or any material that can be aerosolized) for content based upon its atomic distribution. In this manner, the UGA analyzes any substance based solely upon its elemental composition.

Data from the UGA was then post processed using a process known as *spectral deconvolution* to determine the relative composition of any toxics of interest (i.e., the aforementioned CAAQS toxics shown in Figure 5). A final screening the data against 191,436 different compounds was performed using the 2008 National Institute of

¹⁴ SKC Cat #232-945A.

¹⁵ The designator AMU stands for Atomic Mass Unit, and is a measure of the atomic weight of a particular element (i.e., the combined nuclear weight of an element's protons and neutrons).

Standards and Technology (NIST08) Mass Spectral Library search program. The spectrometer test setup is shown in the second photo pane of Figure 7, above.

Construction Air Quality Modeling

Construction Vehicle Emission Modeling (CO, NO_x, SO_x, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, ROG)

Primary construction vehicle pollutant emission generators expected within the Tule Wind Project development site would consist predominately of diesel-powered grading equipment required for grading activities, surface preparation, and ultimate tower construction. The analysis methodology utilized in this report is based upon the EPA AP-42 source emissions report for the various classes of diesel construction equipment.¹⁶

The generation rates of typical equipment are identified in Table 2 on the following page, and would constitute the baseline (unmitigated, or Tier 0) construction emission rates. Estimates of daily load factors (i.e., the amount of time during a day that any piece of equipment is under load) were based upon past ISE engineering experience with similar operations, and consultation with the project applicant.

In cases where the required construction equipment aggregate does not comply with the applicable standards for a pollutant under examination, mitigation is imposed by requiring cleaner Tier 1 through 4 equipment, as required under the Federal Clean Air Act.^{17,18} These maximum emission rates are shown as footnotes to Table 2 for CO, NO_x and PM₁₀ for Tier 2 or better (denoted as Tier 2+) equipment.¹⁹ Additional recommendations for “Blue Sky Series” equipment will be made if the applicant cannot demonstrate strict Tier 2+ compliance.²⁰

¹⁶ This tabulation provided by the EPA is the foundation of all construction emission programs available by CARB, such as *OFFROAD* and the like. This equipment list would be classified as Tier Zero (Tier 0) equipment having none of the emissions control technologies required under the newer Tier 1 through 3 programs. This is the case for older construction equipment that is sometimes used on project sites.

¹⁷ Source: *US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 89 [40 CFR Part 89]*.

¹⁸ In most cases the federal regulations for diesel construction equipment also apply in California, whose authority to set emission standards for new diesel engines is limited. The federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAA) preempt California's authority to control emissions from both new farm and construction equipment under 175 hp [*CAA Section 209(e)(1)(A)*] and require California to receive authorization from the federal EPA for controls over other off-road sources [*CAA Section 209 (e)(2)(A)*].

¹⁹ Again, for the purposes of mitigation, any construction equipment unable to comply with the applicable standards for a specific pollutant will be reanalyzed using the applicable Tier 2 equipment for engine sizes over 50 HP. These emission rates became mandatory for all equipment built starting 2001 or later (depending on engine size).

²⁰ The “Blue Sky Series” designation [40 CFR Part 89] is a voluntary program enacted by the USEPA requiring participating engine manufacturers to produce cleaner burning engines that are at least 40% better than current Tier 2 or 3 mandates. Engines with this designation are assumed by the EPA to produce *de facto compliance* with current and future air quality emissions standards. This program also exists for recreational and commercial marine diesel engines [40 CFR Part 94] and land-based non-road spark-ignition engines over 25 HP [40 CFR Part 1048].

TABLE 2: Baseline ‘Tier 0’ AP-42 Equipment Pollutant Generation Rates²¹

Equipment Class	Generation Rates (pounds per horsepower-hour)					
	CO	NO _x	SO _x	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	ROG
Track Backhoe	0.0150	0.0220	0.0020	0.0010	0.0009	0.0030
Dozer - D8 Cat	0.0150	0.0220	0.0020	0.0010	0.0009	0.0030
Hydraulic Crane	0.0090	0.0230	0.0020	0.0015	0.0014	0.0030
Loader/Grader	0.0150	0.0220	0.0020	0.0010	0.0009	0.0030
Side Boom	0.0130	0.0310	0.0020	0.0015	0.0014	0.0030
Water Truck	0.0060	0.0210	0.0020	0.0015	0.0014	0.0020
Concrete Truck	0.0060	0.0210	0.0020	0.0015	0.0014	0.0020
Concrete Pump	0.0110	0.0180	0.0020	0.0010	0.0009	0.0020
Dump/Haul Trucks	0.0060	0.0210	0.0020	0.0015	0.0014	0.0020
Paver / Blade	0.0070	0.0230	0.0020	0.0010	0.0009	0.0010
Roller / Compactor	0.0070	0.0200	0.0020	0.0010	0.0009	0.0020
Scraper	0.0110	0.0190	0.0020	0.0015	0.0014	0.0010

Emissions Reduction Mandates:

- o The maximum CO emissions from Tier 2 equipment is 0.0082 pounds per horsepower-hour (lb/HP-hr) for equipment with power ratings between 50 and 175 HP, and 0.0057 lb/HP-hr for equipment with power ratings over 175 HP. Tier 3 ratings only apply between 50 to 750 HP and are identical to Tier 2 requirements. Tier 4 requirements (to be phased-in between 2008 and 2015) set a sliding scale on CO limits ranging from 0.0132 lb/HP-hr for small engines, to 0.0057 lb/HP-hr for engines up to 750 HP.
- o The maximum NO_x and PM₁₀ emissions from Tier 2 equipment are 0.0152 and 0.0003 lb/HP-hr regardless of the engine size. Tier 3 emissions must meet the Tier 2 requirement. Tier 4 standards further reduce this level to 0.0006 lb/HP-hr for NO_x, and 0.00003 lb/HP-hr for PM₁₀ for engines over 75 HP.

Table data sourced U.S. EPA AP-42 “Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors”, 9/85 through present.

Ratings shown for full (100%) load factor.

Finally, fine particulate dust generation (PM_{2.5}) from construction equipment was analyzed using the methodology identified by the SCAQMD and utilized by the SDAPCD.²² This approach, which utilizes the California Emission Inventory Development and Reporting System (CEIDARS) database, estimates PM_{2.5} emissions as a fractional percentage of the aggregate PM₁₀ emissions. For diesel construction equipment, the fractional emission factor is 0.920 PM_{2.5} / PM₁₀.

Fugitive Dust Emission Modeling (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5})

Fugitive dust generation from the proposed grading plan was analyzed using the methodology recommended in the SCAQMD CEQA Handbook guidelines for calculating 10-micron Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) due to earthwork movement and stockpiling. The analysis assumed low-wind speeds and active wet suppression control. Aggregate levels

²¹ The PM_{2.5} emission factors are based upon the SCAQMD document, “Final – Methodology to Calculate Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 and PM 2.5 Significance Thresholds”, 10/06. The correction factor for diesel equipment of this type is 0.920.

²² The source citation is: “Methodology to Calculate Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 and PM_{2.5} Significance Thresholds”, October 2006.



of PM₁₀, based upon the best available surface grading estimates, were calculated in pounds per day and compared to the applicable significance criteria previously shown in Table 1.

For surface grading operations, the fractional emission factor is 0.208 PM_{2.5} / PM₁₀ based upon the SCAQMD approach. For unpaved road travel, the fractional emission factor is 0.212 PM_{2.5} / PM₁₀.

Combustion-Fired Health-Risk Emission Modeling (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5})

For the purposes of this analysis, construction vehicle pollutant emission generators would consist entirely of construction activities associated with onsite clearing and grading operations (which is the worst-case pollution emission scenario). The analysis methodology utilized in this report is based upon EPA and CARB guidelines for construction operations. Construction emissions were based upon the previously identified EPA Tier 0 through Tier 2+ generation rates for the various classes of diesel construction equipment.

A screening risk assessment of diesel-fired toxics from construction equipment was performed using the *SCREEN3* dispersion model developed by the EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.²³ The *SCREEN3* model uses a Gaussian plume dispersion algorithm that incorporates source-related and meteorological factors to estimate pollutant concentration from continuous sources.

It is assumed that the pollutant does not undergo any chemical reactions, and that no other removal processes, such as wet or dry deposition, act on the plume during its transport from the source.

Using the concentrations obtained from the screening model, the diesel toxic risk can be defined as shown below:

$$Risk = \frac{F_{wind} \times EMFAC \times URF_{70 \text{ year exposure}}}{Dilution}$$

where, *Risk* is the excess cancer risk (probability in one-million);
F_{wind} is the frequency of the wind blowing from the exhaust source to the receptor (the default value is 1.0);
EMFAC is the exhaust particulate emission factor (the level from the screening model);
URF_{70 year exposure} is the Air Resource Board unit risk probability factor (300 x 10⁻⁶, or 300 in a million cancer risk per µg/m³ of diesel combustion generated PM₁₀ inhaled in a 70-year

²³ The methodology is based upon the *Industrial Source Complex (ISC3)* source dispersion approach as outlined in the *EPA-454/B-95-003b* technical document. The *SCREEN3* model is used within the State of California and is typically more restrictive than the *ISC3* model.

lifetime based upon ARB 1999 Staff Report from the Scientific Review Panel (SRP) on Diesel Toxics); and,

Dilution is the atmospheric dilution ratio during source-to-receptor transport (the default value of 1.0 assumes no dilution)

Given the above assumptions for wind frequency and atmospheric dilution ratio, and substituting the CARB recommended value for the unit risk probability factor, gives the following expression:

$$Risk = \frac{1 \times EMFAC \times 300 \times 10^{-6}}{1} = 300 \times 10^{-6} \times EMFAC \text{ per person}$$

Thus, the percentage of risk of cancer to any given person, being exposed to a concentration of pollution equal to EMFAC (in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) over a continuous period of 70-years, would be:

$$Risk(\%) = (300 \times 10^{-6} \times EMFAC) \times 100 = 300 \times 10^{-4} \times EMFAC \text{ per person}$$

Where it can be directly stated that a risk percentage of, say, 25% would indicate a 25% probability of inhaled cancer risk for the given level of exposure if consumed continuously for a period of 70-years. A 50% probability would correspond to a 50:50 chance of inhaled cancer risk if consumed continuously for a period of 70-years, and so on.

For the construction-related diesel-fired toxics analysis, an area-source consistent in dimensions with the proposed grading area will be assumed. A simplified elevated terrain model (which is consistent with the area surrounding the project site) with no building downwash corrections and a worst-case wind direction was utilized.

Aggregate Vehicle Emission Air Quality Modeling

Motor vehicles emissions associated with construction worker trips for the proposed Tule Wind Project development were calculated by multiplying the appropriate emission factor (in grams per mile) times the estimated trip length and the total number of vehicles. Appropriate conversion factors were then applied to provide aggregate emission units of pounds per day. CARB estimates on-road motor vehicle emissions by using a series of models called the *Motor Vehicle Emission Inventory (MVEI) Models*.

Four computer models, which form the MVEI, are *CALIMFAC*, *WEIGHT*, *EMFAC*, and *BURDEN*.²⁴ They function as follows:

- The *CALIMFAC* model produces base emission rates for each model year when a vehicle is new and as it accumulates mileage and the emission controls deteriorate.
- The *WEIGHT* model calculates the relative weighting each model year should be given in the total inventory, and each model year's accumulated mileage.
- The *EMFAC* model uses these pieces of information, along with the correction factors and other data, to produce fleet composite emission factors.
- Finally, the *BURDEN* model combines the emission factors with county-specific activity data to produce to emission inventories.

For the current analysis, the *EMFAC 2007 Model v2.3* of the MVEI²⁵ was run using input conditions specific to the San Diego County air basin to predict construction worker vehicle emissions from the project based upon a near term year 2012 scenario.²⁶ The aggregate emission factors from the CARB *EMFAC 2007* model are provided as an attachment at the end of this report.

Additionally, a mix ratio consistent with the Caltrans ITS Transportation Project-Level Carbon Monoxide Protocol was used. This consisted of the following air standard Otto-Cycle engine vehicle distribution percentages:

Light Duty Autos = 69.0	Light Duty Trucks = 19.4
Medium Duty Trucks = 6.4	Heavy Duty Trucks = 4.7
Buses = 0.0	Motorcycles = 0.5

Fine particulate dust generation ($PM_{2.5}$) from motor vehicle operation was analyzed using the methodology identified by SCAQMD²⁷. This approach, which utilizes the *California Emission Inventory Development and Reporting System (CEIDARS)* database, estimates $PM_{2.5}$ emissions as a fractional percentage of the aggregate PM_{10} emissions. For vehicular traffic, the fractional emission factor is $0.998 PM_{2.5} / PM_{10}$ based upon the SCAQMD approach.

²⁴ The module named *EMFAC* should not be confused with the entire *EMFAC 2007* program itself (which calls the subroutines *CALIMFAC*, *WEIGHT*, *EMFAC*, and *BURDEN* to determine the final emission inventory for a particular area).

²⁵ This is the most current CARB emissions model approved for use within the State of California.

²⁶ This is a worst-case assumption, since implementation of cleaner vehicle controls ultimately reduces emissions under future year conditions. By applying near-term emission factors to the complete project, an upper bound on project-related emissions is obtained.

²⁷ This is detailed in the document entitled, "*Final Methodology to Calculate Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 and $PM_{2.5}$ Significance Thresholds*", published by SCAQMD.

Vehicular CO / NO_x / PM₁₀ / PM_{2.5} Conformity Assessment

A hotspot conformity analysis was performed on all project-related roadway segments, using the *California Line Source Emissions Model Version 4 (CALINE4)*²⁸ air dispersion model methodology in order to quantify near term cumulative plus project pollutant concentrations within this portion of the project air basin. CALINE4 is the accepted line source dispersion model within the State of California.

For the hotspot analysis, horizon traffic volumes for all affected roadway segments were used based upon values provided by the project traffic engineer.^{29,30} Worst case mean running speeds of 45 MPH were used for all potentially impacted roadway segments utilizing the aforementioned Caltrans ITS Transportation Project-Level Carbon Monoxide Protocol mix ratios per *EMFAC 2007*. Worst-case wind speed, aggregate emissions class data, and meteorological assumptions were created and run for various traffic scenarios. The peak hour traffic volume was calculated at worst-case 10-percent of the daily ADT.

This produced the following worst-case running emission factors, which can be seen in the last column of the EMFAC output:

CO = 2.511 grams/mile

NO_x = 0.729 grams/mile

PM₁₀ = 0.023 grams/mile

Ambient CO and PM₁₀ concentrations were determined through the previously discussed field monitoring effort. Levels for NO_x precursors were set to either the field monitored values or the basin-wide levels (whichever is greater). The NO₂ photolysis rate was taken at a default atmospheric solar value of 0.004/sec.³¹ The CALINE4 solution space results for each pollutant is provided as attachments to this report.

²⁸ CALINE4 is a Gaussian line dispersion model, developed by Caltrans; it is used to predict localized vehicle emissions from mobile sources. The model uses source strength, meteorological data, and site geometry to predict pollutant concentrations within 1,500 feet of the roadway.

²⁹ These levels are expected to occur sometime between the near term condition and the ultimate horizon year 2030. To ensure a worst-case analysis, these levels will be applied against the near term emission factors.

³⁰ Source: *Full Traffic Impact Study – Tule Wind Farm, LLG, Inc., 3/26/10*.

³¹ Photolysis is the process by which a chemical compound undergoes a change in valence as the result of the absorption of a photon (i.e., light). This process is also called photodecomposition, photochemical reaction, or photo-oxidation.



FINDINGS

Existing Climate Conditions

The climate within the region surrounding the proposed Tule Wind Project development site is characterized by warm, dry summers and mild, wet winters; it is dominated by a semi-permanent high-pressure cell located over the Pacific Ocean. This high-pressure cell maintains clear skies over the air basin for much of the year. It also drives the dominant onshore circulation, as can be seen in Figure 8 on the following page, and helps to create two types of temperature inversions, subsidence and radiation, that contribute to local air quality degradation.

Subsidence inversions occur during the warmer months, as descending air associated with the Pacific high-pressure cell meets cool marine air. The boundary between the two layers of air represents a temperature inversion that traps pollutants below it. Radiation inversion typically develops on winter nights, when air near the ground cools by radiation, and the air aloft remains warm. A shallow inversion layer that can trap pollutants is formed between the two layers.

Frequently, the strongest winds in the basin occur during the night and morning hours due to the absence of onshore sea breezes. The overall result is a noticeable degradation in local air quality.³²

Finally, in the area of the proposed project site, the maximum and minimum average temperatures are 94° F and 32° F, respectively.³³ Precipitation in the area averages 15.6 inches annually, 90 percent of which falls between November and April. The prevailing wind direction is from the west-northwest, with an annual mean speed of 6 to 10 miles per hour. Sunshine is usually plentiful in the proposed project area but night and morning cloudiness is common during the spring and summer. Fog can occasionally develop during the winter.

³² Occasionally during the months of October through February, offshore flow becomes a dominant factor in the regional air quality. These periods, known as “*Santa Ana Conditions*”, are typically maximal during the month of December with wind speeds from the north to east approaching 35 knots and gusting to over 50 knots. This air movement is caused by clockwise pressure circulation over the Great Basin (i.e., the high plateau east of the Sierra Mountains and west of the Rocky Mountains including most of Nevada and Utah), which results in significant downward air motion towards the ocean. Stronger Santa Ana winds can have gusts greater than 60 knots over widespread areas and gusts greater than 100 knots in canyon areas.

³³ Source: *National Weather Service (NWS) / National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 2010.*



FIGURE 8: Project Air Basin Aerial Map (ISE 9/10)

Existing Air Quality Levels

CARB Aerometric Station Data within Project Vicinity

The project site is located in the central portion of the San Diego Air Basin. The Basin continues to have a transitional-attainment status of federal standards for Ozone (O₃) and PM₁₀. The Basin is either in attainment or unclassified for federal standards of CO, SO₂, NO₂, and lead. Factors affecting ground level pollutant concentrations include the rate at which pollutants are emitted to the atmosphere, the height from which they are released, and topographic and meteorological features.

Tables 3a through -j, starting below, provide a summary of the highest pollutant levels recorded at the previously identified monitoring stations for the last year available (2008), based upon the latest data from the CARB Aerometric Data Analysis and Management (ADAM) System database. Given these factors, the closest monitoring stations reported exceedances for O₃, and PM₁₀ (although it will be shown shortly that these exceedances did not translate to appreciable levels at the project site). All other criteria pollutants were within both federal and state standards, or not monitored.³⁴

TABLE 3a: Alpine Monitoring Station – Maximum Hourly O₃ Levels

Air Resources Board **iADAM**

Highest 4 Daily Maximum Hourly Ozone Measurements
Alpine-Victoria Drive FAQs

Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	Measurement	Date	Measurement	Date	Measurement
First High:	Jul 1	0.121	Sep 1	0.134	Jun 20	0.139
Second High:	Jun 3	0.115	Sep 4	0.107	Jun 19	0.125
Third High:	Aug 9	0.113	Oct 23	0.107	Jul 4	0.116
Fourth High:	Sep 2	0.109	Aug 22	0.106	Jul 3	0.115
# Days Above State Standard:	21		18		13	
California Designation Value:	0.11		0.12		0.12	
Expected Peak Day Conc.:	0.111		0.115		0.118	
# Days Above Nat'l Standard:	0		7		2	
National Design Value:	0.113		0.113		0.121	
Year Coverage:	99		98		99	

Go Backward One Year New Top 4 Summary Go Forward One Year

Notes: All concentrations are expressed in parts per million.
The national 1-hour ozone standard was revoked in June 2005 and is no longer in effect. Statistics related to the revoked standard are shown in *italics* or *italics*.
State exceedances are shown in **yellow**. Exceedances of the revoked national 1-hour standard are shown in **orange**.
An exceedance is not necessarily a violation.
Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid.
* There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

³⁴ Monitoring for lead was discontinued entirely in 1998.

TABLE 3b: Alpine Monitoring Station – Maximum Eight-Hour O₃ Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily Maximum 8-Hour Ozone Averages						ADAM
Alpine-Victoria Drive						FAQs
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	8-Hr Average	Date	8-Hr Average	Date	8-Hr Average
National:						
First High:	Jul 1	0.100	Sep 2	0.092	Jun 19	0.109
Second High:	Jun 3	0.097	Aug 29	0.089	Jul 4	0.103
Third High:	Jul 21	0.095	Jul 4	0.088	Jun 20	0.100
Fourth High:	Aug 9	0.094	Jun 30	0.086	Jul 3	0.098
California:						
First High:	Jul 1	0.100	Sep 2	0.092	Jun 19	0.110
Second High:	Jun 3	0.097	Aug 29	0.090	Jul 4	0.103
Third High:	Jul 21	0.096	Jul 4	0.088	Jun 20	0.101
Fourth High:	Aug 9	0.095	Jun 30	0.086	Jul 3	0.099
National:						
# Days Above '08 Nat'l Std.:	37		23		31	
'08 Nat'l Std. Design Value:	0.088		0.089		0.092	
National Year Coverage:	100		98		98	
California:						
# Days Above State Standard:	63		46		61	
California Designation Value:	0.097		0.100		0.103	
Expected Peak Day Conc.:	0.099		0.101		0.103	
California Year Coverage:	97		96		98	
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All averages are expressed in parts per million.
National exceedances are shown in orange. State exceedances are shown in yellow.
An exceedance is not necessarily a violation.
Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid.
* There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

TABLE 3c: Alpine Monitoring Station – Maximum Daily PM_{2.5} Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily 24-Hour PM _{2.5} Averages						FAQs
Alpine-Victoria Drive						
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	24-Hr Average	Date	24-Hr Average	Date	24-Hr Average
National:						
First High:		*		*		*
Second High:		*		*		*
Third High:		*		*		*
Fourth High:		*		*		*
California:						
First High:		*	Oct 23	40.5	Jul 5	37.3
Second High:		*	Nov 8	39.6	Jul 9	31.1
Third High:		*	Oct 28	36.0	Jun 25	30.4
Fourth High:		*	Oct 26	34.6	Jun 27	29.6
Estimated Days > Nat'l 24-Hr Std:		*		*		*
Measured Days > Nat'l 24-Hr Std:		0		*		*
Nat'l 24-Hr Std Design Value:		*		*		*
Nat'l 24-Hr Std 98th Percentile:		*		*		*
National Annual Std Design Value:		*		*		*
National Annual Average:		*		*		*
State Ann'l Std Designation Value:		*		*		14
State Annual Average:		*		*		14.0
Year Coverage:		*		*		*
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All concentrations are expressed in micrograms per cubic meter.
National exceedances are shown in **orange**. State exceedances are shown in **yellow**.
An exceedance is not necessarily a violation.
State and national statistics may differ for the following reasons:
State statistics are based on California approved samplers, whereas national statistics are based on samplers using federal reference or equivalent methods.
State and national statistics may therefore be based on different samplers.
State criteria for ensuring that data are sufficiently complete for calculating valid annual averages are more stringent than the national criteria.
Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid.
* There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

TABLE 3d: Alpine Monitoring Station – Maximum Hourly NO₂ Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily Maximum Hourly Nitrogen Dioxide Measurements						
Alpine-Victoria Drive						
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	Measurement	Date	Measurement	Date	Measurement
First High:	Feb 3	0.057	Nov 20	0.057	Dec 1	0.047
Second High:	Jan 12	0.055	Nov 6	0.045	Dec 30	0.046
Third High:	Jan 11	0.047	Nov 19	0.045	Dec 11	0.044
Fourth High:	Dec 14	0.046	Nov 29	0.045	Jan 11	0.042
# Days Above State Standard:	0		0		0	
Annual Average:	0.010		0.010		0.008	
Year Coverage:	98		96		99	
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All averages are expressed in parts per million. National exceedances are shown in **orange**. State exceedances are shown in **yellow**. An exceedance is not necessarily a violation. Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid. * There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

TABLE 3e: El Centro Monitoring Station – Maximum Hourly O₃ Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily Maximum Hourly Ozone Measurements						
El Centro-9th Street						
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	Measurement	Date	Measurement	Date	Measurement
First High:	May 16	0.129	Jun 26	0.118	Oct 29	0.135
Second High:	Jun 2	0.118	Jul 5	0.114	Sep 13	0.116
Third High:	Apr 20	0.116	May 9	0.105	Jun 14	0.114
Fourth High:	May 11	0.115	Jun 3	0.104	Jul 17	0.102
# Days Above State Standard:	19		8		4	
California Designation Value:	0.11		0.12		0.12	
Expected Peak Day Conc.:	0.113		0.119		0.121	
# Days Above Nat'l Standard:	1		0		1	
National Design Value:	0.118		0.118		0.118	
Year Coverage:	97		100		100	
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All concentrations are expressed in parts per million. The national 1-hour ozone standard was revoked in June 2005 and is no longer in effect. Statistics related to the revoked standard are shown in **italics** or **italics**. State exceedances are shown in **yellow**. Exceedances of the revoked national 1-hour standard are shown in **orange**. An exceedance is not necessarily a violation. Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid. * There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

TABLE 3f: El Centro Monitoring Station – Maximum Eight-Hour O₃ Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily Maximum 8-Hour Ozone Averages						ADAM
El Centro-9th Street						FAQs
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	8-Hr Average	Date	8-Hr Average	Date	8-Hr Average
National:						
First High:	Jun 2	0.101	Jun 28	0.094	Jul 17	0.084
Second High:	May 14	0.095	Jul 4	0.088	Jun 14	0.079
Third High:	May 16	0.092	May 9	0.086	Oct 29	0.075
Fourth High:	Jun 3	0.091	Jun 26	0.083	Jul 18	0.074
California:						
First High:	Jun 2	0.101	Jun 28	0.094	Jul 17	0.085
Second High:	May 14	0.095	Jul 4	0.089	Jun 14	0.079
Third High:	May 16	0.092	May 9	0.087	Oct 29	0.075
Fourth High:	Jun 3	0.092	Jun 26	0.084	Jul 18	0.074
National:						
# Days Above '08 Nat'l Std.:	26		8		2	
'08 Nat'l Std. Design Value:	0.085		0.086		0.082	
National Year Coverage:	96		100		100	
California:						
# Days Above State Standard:	39		23		9	
California Designation Value:	0.097		0.097		0.095	
Expected Peak Day Conc.:	0.098		0.100		0.099	
California Year Coverage:	91		100		100	
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All averages are expressed in parts per million.
National exceedances are shown in orange. State exceedances are shown in yellow.
An exceedance is not necessarily a violation.
Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid.
* There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

TABLE 3g: El Centro Monitoring Station – Maximum Daily PM_{2.5} Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily 24-Hour PM _{2.5} Averages						FAQs
El Centro-9th Street						
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	24-Hr Average	Date	24-Hr Average	Date	24-Hr Average
National:						
First High:	Dec 31	33.8	Nov 20	30.5	Jan 4	26.7
Second High:	Jan 29	28.9	Dec 5	20.9	Jul 17	17.8
Third High:	Feb 25	27.1	Dec 29	18.2	Jul 2	17.0
Fourth High:	Jan 14	23.2	Nov 8	17.4	Apr 21	16.2
California:						
First High:	Dec 31	33.8	Nov 20	30.5	Jan 4	26.7
Second High:	Jan 29	28.9	Dec 5	20.9	Jul 17	17.8
Third High:	Feb 25	27.1	Dec 29	18.2	Jul 2	17.0
Fourth High:	Jan 14	23.2	Nov 8	17.4	Apr 21	16.2
Estimated Days > Nat'l 24-Hr Std:	0.0		0.0		*	
Measured Days > Nat'l 24-Hr Std:	0		0		0	
Nat'l 24-Hr Std Design Value:	25		22		*	
Nat'l 24-Hr Std 98th Percentile:	27.1		18.2		*	
National Annual Std Design Value:	9.3		8.9		*	
National Annual Average:	8.7		8.4		*	
State Ann'l Std Designation Value:	*		*		*	
State Annual Average:	*		*		*	
Year Coverage:	93		88		83	
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All concentrations are expressed in micrograms per cubic meter.
National exceedances are shown in **orange**. State exceedances are shown in **yellow**.
An exceedance is not necessarily a violation.
State and national statistics may differ for the following reasons:
State statistics are based on California approved samplers, whereas national statistics are based on samplers using federal reference or equivalent methods.
State and national statistics may therefore be based on different samplers.
State criteria for ensuring that data are sufficiently complete for calculating valid annual averages are more stringent than the national criteria.
Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid.
* There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

TABLE 3h: El Centro Monitoring Station – Maximum Daily PM₁₀ Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily 24-Hour PM ₁₀ Averages						
El Centro-9th Street						
FAQs						
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	24-Hr Average	Date	24-Hr Average	Date	24-Hr Average
National:						
First High:	Sep 2	146.0	Jun 5	206.0	Apr 30	88.2
Second High:	Sep 14	96.0	Apr 12	121.0	Jul 5	59.2
Third High:	Apr 5	85.0	Sep 19	117.0	Nov 20	53.9
Fourth High:	Jun 28	79.0	Nov 20	98.0	Mar 1	52.6
California:						
First High:	Sep 2	141.0	Jun 5	196.0	Apr 30	88.7
Second High:	Sep 14	93.0	Apr 12	127.0	Jul 5	57.2
Third High:	Apr 5	89.0	Sep 19	116.0	Nov 20	54.7
Fourth High:	Apr 29	76.0	Nov 20	99.0	Mar 1	53.9
Measured:						
# Days Above Nat'l Standard:	0		1		0	
# Days Above State Standard:	20		22		4	
Estimated:						
3-Yr Avg # Days Above Nat'l Std:	*		2.0		2.0	
# Days Above Nat'l Standard:	0.0		7.0		0.0	
# Days Above State Standard:	120.1		*		25.5	
State 3-Yr Maximum Average:	43		43		43	
State Annual Average:	43.2		*		32.7	
National 3-Year Average:	36		43		42	
National Annual Average:	44.0		50.1		32.9	
Year Coverage:	100		89		91	
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All concentrations are expressed in micrograms per cubic meter.
The national annual average PM₁₀ standard was revoked in December 2006 and is no longer in effect.
Statistics related to the revoked standard are shown in *italics* or *italics*.
National exceedances are shown in **orange**. State exceedances are shown in **yellow**.
An exceedance is not necessarily a violation.
Statistics may include data that are related to an **exceptional event**.
State and national statistics may differ for the following reasons:
State statistics are based on California approved samplers, whereas national statistics are based on samplers using federal reference or equivalent methods.
State and national statistics may therefore be based on different samplers.
State statistics for 1998 and later are based on *local* conditions (except for sites in the South Coast Air Basin, where State statistics for 2002 and later are based on *local* conditions).
National statistics are based on *standard* conditions.
State criteria for ensuring that data are sufficiently complete for calculating valid annual averages are more stringent than the national criteria.
Measurements are usually collected every six days. Measured days counts the days that a measurement was greater than the level of the standard; Estimated days mathematically estimates how many days concentrations would have been greater than the level of the standard had each day been monitored.
3-Year statistics represent the listed year and the 2 years before the listed year.
Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid.
* There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

TABLE 3i: El Centro Monitoring Station – Maximum Eight-Hour CO Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily Maximum 8-Hour Carbon Monoxide Averages						
El Centro-9th Street						
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	8-Hr Average	Date	8-Hr Average	Date	8-Hr Average
National:						
First High:	Feb 6	2.59	Oct 26	1.67	Feb 17	1.71
Second High:	Dec 21	1.73	Jan 4	1.58	Mar 5	1.66
Third High:	Jan 12	1.55	Dec 16	1.58	Feb 6	1.59
Fourth High:	Jan 14	1.50	Dec 15	1.54	Feb 8	1.58
California:						
First High:	Feb 6	2.59	Oct 26	1.67	Feb 17	1.71
Second High:	Dec 20	1.73	Jan 3	1.58	Mar 5	1.66
Third High:	Jan 11	1.55	Dec 16	1.58	Feb 6	1.59
Fourth High:	Jan 14	1.50	Dec 14	1.54	Feb 7	1.58
# Days Above Nat'l Standard:	0		0		0	
# Days Above State Standard:	0		0		0	
Year Coverage:	79		98		98	
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All averages are expressed in parts per million.
National exceedances are shown in orange. State exceedances are shown in yellow.
An exceedance is not necessarily a violation.
Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid.
* There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

TABLE 3j: El Centro Monitoring Station – Maximum Hourly NO₂ Levels

Air Resources Board						
Highest 4 Daily Maximum Hourly Nitrogen Dioxide Measurements						
El Centro-9th Street						
Year:	2006		2007		2008	
	Date	Measurement	Date	Measurement	Date	Measurement
First High:	Nov 21	0.066	Nov 27	0.071	Oct 29	0.081
Second High:	Mar 16	0.062	Feb 10	0.063	Oct 30	0.059
Third High:	Nov 1	0.060	Oct 9	0.062	Nov 20	0.055
Fourth High:	Nov 8	0.060	Mar 6	0.061	Nov 22	0.053
# Days Above State Standard:	0		0		0	
Annual Average:	0.011		0.011		0.009	
Year Coverage:	91		98		98	
Go Backward One Year		New Top 4 Summary			Go Forward One Year	

Notes: All averages are expressed in parts per million.
National exceedances are shown in orange. State exceedances are shown in yellow.
An exceedance is not necessarily a violation.
Year Coverage indicates the extent to which available monitoring data represent the time of the year when concentrations are expected to be highest. 0 means that data represent none of the high period; 100 means that data represent the entire high period. A high Year Coverage does not mean that there was sufficient data for annual statistics to be considered valid.
* There was insufficient (or no) data available to determine the value.

Source: CARB ADAM Ambient Air Quality Inventory – 9/10

Onsite Air Pollutant Concentration Findings

The atomic mass distribution of the onsite ambient air-monitoring sample is shown in Figure 9 below.³⁵ Spectral deconvolution of the pattern shown indicated the following ambient air pollution concentrations, by mass percentage, as shown in Table 4.

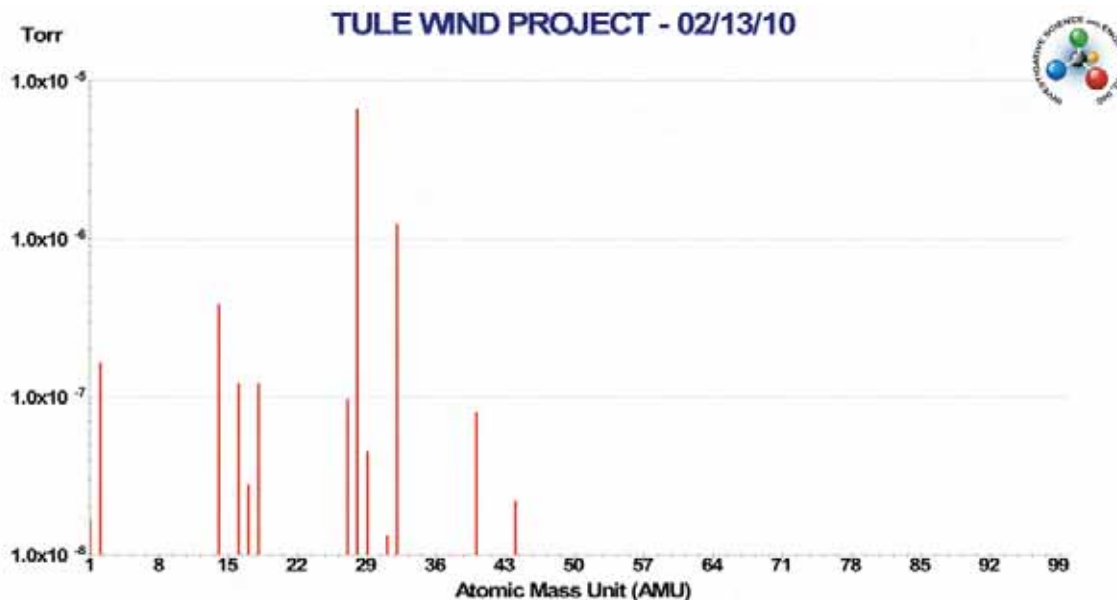


FIGURE 9: Spectral Content of Ambient Air Monitoring Location AQ1 (ISE 9/10)

TABLE 4: Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Results

Chemical Compound Examined	Air Sample Composition (% by wt.)
Benzene (C ₆ H ₆)	0.0
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	11.1
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	0.0
Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S)	0.0
Free Hydrogen (H ₂)	1.5
Nitric Oxide (NO)	3.8
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	0.0
Nitrous Oxide (N ₂ O)	0.0
Free Nitrogen (N ₂)	70.1
Free Oxygen (O ₂)	12.1
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	0.0
Water Vapor (H ₂ O)	1.4

Data Margin ± 0.1 percent.

³⁵ The plot in this figure indicates the partial atmospheric pressure (in Torr) as a function of the atomic mass unit. The larger the vertical bar, the greater the concentration of a particular atom (or diatomic form). The unit of Torr is a very small pressure unit - one atmosphere equals 760 Torr.

Given these findings, no significant ambient air quality impacts are indicated. No respirable 10- and 2.5-micron particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) was indicated in the sample. Toxicity screening against the NIST spectral database indicated no unusual compounds present.

Project Construction Emission Findings

The proposed Tule Wind Project site would be cleared, graded, and constructed over the course of approximately 576 days (roughly 192 days per construction phase).³⁶ Given this, the following construction findings were indicated.

Construction Vehicle Emissions (CO, NO_x, SO_x, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, ROG)

The estimated Tier 0 diesel exhaust emissions are provided in Table 5a below, for the site clearing, grading, and tower base work, inclusive of any onsite powered haulage. Based upon the findings, no significant air quality impacts are expected due to construction grading operations.

TABLE 5a: Predicted Construction Emissions – Rough Grading / Tower Base Work

Equipment Type	Qty. Used	HP	Daily Load Factor (%)	Duty Cycle (Hrs. / day)	Aggregate Emissions in Pounds / Day					
					CO	NO _x	SO _x	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	ROG
Dozer - D6 Cat	2	250	50	6	22.5	33.0	3.0	1.5	1.4	4.5
Dozer - D8 Cat	2	300	50	8	21.6	55.2	4.8	3.6	3.3	7.2
Loader/Trencher	2	150	50	8	18.0	26.4	2.4	1.2	1.1	3.6
Water Truck	2	200	50	4	4.8	16.8	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.6
Mini Excavator	1	50	50	4	1.1	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Dump/Haul & Drills	4	300	20	4	5.8	20.2	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.9
Scraper	1	450	75	4	14.9	25.7	2.7	2.0	1.8	1.4
Total for this Construction Task (Σ):					88.7	179.7	16.6	11.1	10.2	20.3
Significance Threshold (SDAPCD):					550	250	250	100	55	75

³⁶ The typical construction phases for land development, which are independent of the specific project being developed, are as follows:

<u>Construction Phase</u>	<u>Work Performed</u>	<u>Typical Tasks</u>
Rough Grading/Tower Base Work	Site clearing, grubbing, general pad and road alignment formation and tower site preparation.	Site mobilization, scraper hauls/finishing, and additional site finishing work.
Underground Utility Construction	General trench-work, pipe laying with associated base material and cover, and ancillary earthwork required to facilitate placement of power conduits, access vaults, etc.	This is typically performed as a single task.
Tower Construction/Finish Work	Construction of tower and turbine systems using crane work, electrical hook-up, punch list items.	This is typically performed as a single task.

For the purposes of construction it is assumed that activities would occur six days a week for approximately two years consistent with the projected site development plan.



Additionally, Table 5b identifies the anticipated emissions due to underground utility construction and tower and turbine installation (inclusive of any punch list work). As can be seen, no significant impact is expected from these smaller operations using the baseline Tier 0 emissions inventory. It should further be noted that since the SDAPCD significance thresholds are equal to, or more stringent than, the Federal Clean Air standards, the project maintains *de facto* compliance with these requirements as well.

TABLE 5b: Predicted Construction Emissions – Underground Utility Construction / Tower Work

Equipment Type	Qty. Used	HP	Daily Load Factor (%)	Duty Cycle (Hrs. / day)	Aggregate Emissions in Pounds / Day					
					CO	NO _x	SO _x	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	ROG
Underground Utility Construction										
Track Backhoe	2	150	50	6	13.5	19.8	1.8	0.9	0.8	2.7
Dozer - D4 Cat	2	200	50	6	18.0	26.4	2.4	1.2	1.1	3.6
Loader	1	150	50	6	6.8	9.9	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.4
Water Truck	1	200	50	4	2.4	8.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8
Concrete Truck	16	250	25	0.5	3.0	10.5	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.0
Dump/Haul Trucks	2	300	45	4	6.5	22.7	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.2
Total for this Construction Task (Σ):					50.2	97.7	9.1	5.6	5.2	11.7
Tower Construction / Finish Work										
Skid Steer Cat	1	150	50	6	6.8	9.9	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.4
Hydraulic Crane	1	200	25	4	1.8	4.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6
Water Truck	1	200	50	4	2.4	8.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8
Welding Rig	1	50	50	4	1.1	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Dump/Haul Trucks	6	300	45	0.5	2.4	8.5	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8
Paver/Compactor	1	150	35	8	2.9	9.7	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4
Roller	1	150	35	8	2.9	8.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.8
Total for this Construction Task (Σ):					20.3	51.3	4.7	2.9	2.9	5.0
Significance Threshold (SDAPCD):					550	250	250	100	55	75

Fugitive Dust Emission Levels (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5})

Construction activities are also a source of fugitive dust emissions that may have a substantial, but temporary, impact on local air quality. These emissions are typically associated with land clearing, excavating, and construction of a proposed action. Substantial dust emissions also occur when vehicles travel on paved and unpaved surfaces, and haul trucks lose material.



Dust emissions and impacts vary substantially from day to day, depending on the level of activity, the specific operation being conducted, and the prevailing meteorological conditions. Wet dust suppression techniques, such as watering and/or applying chemical stabilization, would be used during construction to suppress the fine dust particulates from leaving the ground surface and becoming airborne through the action of mechanical disturbance or wind motion.

Construction grading operations at the proposed Tule Wind Project development site are anticipated as being approximately 2,550,000 cubic-yards (cy) of material moved over an anticipated 576-day earthwork period.³⁷

For alluvium-type material, the project earthwork would have a total working weight of,

$$\text{Working Weight} = 2,550,000 \text{ cubic yards} \times \frac{1.3 \text{ tons}}{\text{cubic yard}} = 3,315,000 \text{ tons}$$

Out of the total quantity identified above, it is estimated that roughly 50-percent of the working weight would be capable of generating PM₁₀ due to the initial geologic findings of hard rock and minimal topsoil. Thus, for the purposes of analysis, the working weight of earthwork material capable of generating some amount of PM₁₀ would be 1,657,500.0 tons. Thus, the average mass grading earthwork movement per day would be 2,877.6 tons/day.

Following the analysis procedure identified in the *SCAQMD CEQA Handbook* for PM₁₀ emissions from fugitive dust gives the following semi-empirical relationship for aggregate respirable dust generation,

$$PM_{10} = 0.00112 \times \left[\frac{\left(\frac{WS}{5} \right)^{1.3}}{\left(\frac{SMC}{2} \right)^{1.4}} \right] \times ET$$

where, PM₁₀ = Fugitive dust emissions in pounds,

WS = Ambient wind speed,

SMC = Surface Moisture Content, generally defined as the weight of the water (W_w) divided by the weight of the soil (W_s) as measured at the surface in grams per gram.

ET = Earthwork Tonnage moved per day,

³⁷ This is based upon the following project-estimated grading areas to an average depth of three-feet: 134 wind turbine pads = 134 acres, access roads and improvements = 58.3 acres, substation pad formation = 5 acres, operations and maintenance area = 5 acres, batch plant area = 5 acres, parking lot area = 10 acres, 19 lay down areas = 48 acres.

Substituting a minimum SMC value of 0.25 (which is extremely conservative for an ambient dirt/sand condition), and a maximum credible wind speed scenario of 12 MPH (WS = 12), gives the following result,

$$PM_{10} = 0.00112 \times \left[\frac{\left(\frac{12}{5}\right)^{1.3}}{\left(\frac{0.25}{2}\right)^{1.4}} \right] \times 2,877.6 = 184.7$$

or, a level of 184.7 pounds of PM₁₀ generated per day. It should be noted that surface wetting will be utilized during all phases of earthwork operations at a minimum level of three times per day for a maximum control efficiency of 68% per the SCAQMD methodology. Thus, the final wetted PM₁₀ level would be,

$$PM_{10} = (1 - 0.6) \times 184.7 = 59.1$$

or a total fugitive dust generated load of 59.1 pounds per day. This level is far below the 100 pounds per day threshold established by the SDAPCD and the Federal CAA thresholds. Therefore, no impacts are expected from this phase of construction. The commensurate PM_{2.5} level would be 12.3 pounds per day, which is also below the proposed State threshold of significance of 55 pounds per day for this pollutant and below the Federal CAA threshold.

Finally, unpaved road travel due to construction activities is also unknown at this time. For the purposes of analysis, it will be assumed that contractors' vehicles moving onsite would traverse a total of 100 miles per day (VMT) during the earthwork and site preparation phases.

Substituting the applicable project values of VMT = 100, SLP = 6.0 (sand/gravel road with watering), MVS = 5 miles per hour, MVW = 4 tons (average gross vehicular weight), NW = 6 wheels (average number of wheels), and RD³⁸ = 44.0 (rain days), gives the following result,

$$PM_{10} = 100.0 \times \left[2.1 \left(\frac{6}{12}\right) \left(\frac{5}{30}\right) \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{0.7} \left(\frac{6}{4}\right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{365 - 44}{365}\right) \right] = 23.1$$

or, a level of approximately 23.1 pounds of PM₁₀ generated per day. This activity alone would not generate a significant impact under SDAPCD standards. The

³⁸ Based upon U.S. Weather Service average precipitation year data for San Diego County.

commensurate $PM_{2.5}$ level would be 4.9 pounds per day, which is also below the proposed State threshold of significance identified above as well as below the Federal CAA threshold.

Combustion-Fired Health-Risk Emission Levels (PM_{10} , $PM_{2.5}$)

Onsite construction equipment was found to generate worst-case daily pollutant levels during the rough grading phase. These emissions are assumed to occur over any given 24-hour day (thereby providing an upper bound on expected emission concentrations) and direct comparison with NAAQS and CAAQS standards.

Although all stable criteria pollutants are provided, it should be noted that for cancer-risk potential, only combustion-fired PM_{10} particulates are considered with $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations being determined through the aforementioned fractional emission estimates. This methodology essentially applies all of the diesel emissions over this working area and provides a worst-case assessment of the impacts to sensitive receptors.

The proposed Tule Wind Project site has a maximum project footprint of roughly 1,067,220,000 square-feet (99,147,825 m^2), based upon data obtained from the project site plans.³⁹ The aggregate Tier 0 mitigated emission rates for the various criteria pollutants, in grams per second, and grams per square-meter (m^2) per second, are shown in Table 6 on the following page.⁴⁰ The expected combustion-fired construction emission concentrations from the *SCREEN3* modeling are shown in Table 7. The output model results are provided as an attachment to this report.

Based upon the model results, all criteria pollutants were below the recommended health risk level with a PM_{10} risk probability of 0.005% per 70-year exposure duration, assuming the implementation of T-BACT. Given this, no significant carcinogenic impact potential is expected due to proposed grading operations.

³⁹ As determined to consist of the worst-case polygon enclosing the turbine locations and access roads shown in Figure 3 of this report.

⁴⁰ As a required input parameter for the *SCREEN3* model.

TABLE 6: Predicted Onsite Diesel-Fired Construction Emission Rates (Tier 0)

Criteria Pollutant	Max Daily Emissions (pounds)	Daily Site Emission Rates (grams/second)	Average Area Emission Rates (grams/m ² /second)
CO	88.7	0.4657	4.6967E-09
NO _x	179.7	0.9434	9.5151E-09
SO _x	16.6	0.0871	8.7897E-10
PM₁₀	11.1	0.0583	5.8775E-10
PM _{2.5}	10.2	0.0535	5.4009E-10

Total averaging time is 24 hours x 60 minutes/hour x 60 seconds/minute = 86,400 seconds per CAAQS standards.

The area emission rates are shown in scientific notation and are expressed in the form of *mantissa-exponent* to base 10.

One pound-mass = 453.592 grams.

TABLE 7: SCREEN3 Predicted Diesel-Fired Emission Concentrations

Criteria Pollutant	Pollutant Concentration (µg/m ³)	Pollutant Concentration (ppm)	Pollutant Risk Probability (percent risk per person for 70-year exposure)	Significant?
CO	1.46	0.0013	n/a	No
NO _x	2.96	0.0016	n/a	No
SO _x	0.27	0.0001	n/a	No
PM₁₀	0.18	--	0.005%	No
PM _{2.5}	0.17	--	n/a	No

Diesel risk calculation based upon ARB 1999 Staff Report from the Scientific Review Panel (SRP) on Diesel Toxics inhaled in a 70-year lifetime.

Conversion Factors (approximate):

CO: 1 ppm = 1,150 µg/m³ @ 25 deg-C STP, NO_x: 1 ppm = 1,880 µg/m³ @ 25 deg-C STP
SO_x: 1 ppm = 2,620 µg/m³ @ 25 deg-C STP, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}: 1 ppm = 1 g/m³ (solid)

PM_{2.5} levels based upon the CEIDARS database fractional emission factor for diesel construction equipment of 0.920 PM_{2.5} / PM₁₀.

Additionally, the analysis identified a worst-case PM₁₀ level of 0.18 µg/m³ occurring at a distance of 7,042 meters (23,098 feet) from the project site. This pollutant concentration is far below both the NAAQS and CAAQS thresholds as previously shown in Figure 5 for any given exposure period. This predicted diesel-fired PM₁₀ dispersion pattern as a function of distance from the site can be seen in Figure 10 on the following page. No cumulative contribution from the site would be physically possible beyond the extents identified in this figure.⁴¹

⁴¹ Which, assuming a theoretical Gaussian distribution, would yield an effective no impact distance of 92,392 feet (or 17.50 miles).

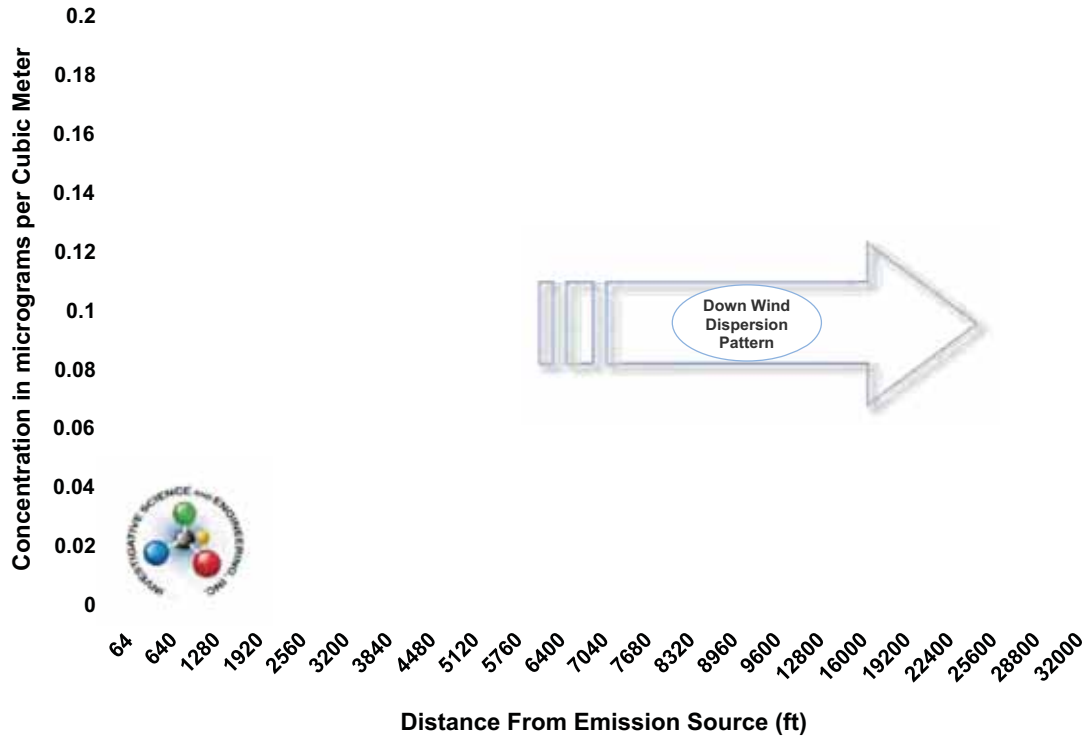


FIGURE 10: Predicted Combustion-Fired Diesel PM₁₀ Dispersion Pattern (ISE 9/10)

Finally, anticipated diesel-fired PM_{2.5} levels would not be expected to exceed 0.20 µg/m³, which is also below the Federal NAAQS 24-hour threshold of 35 µg/m³ (there are no State thresholds for this pollutant). No cumulative contribution of PM_{2.5} from the site would be physically possible due to the reasons cited above.

Odor Impact Potential from Proposed Site

The inhalation of volatile organic compounds (VOC's) causes smell sensations in humans. These odors can affect human health in four primary ways:

- The VOC's can produce toxicological effects;
- The odorant compounds can cause irritations in the eye, nose, and throat;
- The VOC's can stimulate sensory nerves that can cause potentially harmful health effects;
- The exposure to perceived unpleasant odors can stimulate negative cognitive and emotional responses based on previous experiences with such odors.

Development of the proposed project site could generate trace amounts (less than $1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) of substances such as ammonia, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, methane, dust, organic dust, and endotoxins (i.e., bacteria are present in the dust). Additionally, proposed onsite uses could generate such substances as volatile organic acids, alcohols, aldehydes, amines, fixed gases, carbonyls, esters, sulfides, disulfides, mercaptans, and nitrogen heterocycles.

It should be noted that odor generation impacts due to the project are not expected to be significant, since any odor generation would be intermittent and would terminate upon completion of the construction phase of the project, if it occurred at all. As a result, no significant air quality impacts are expected to surrounding residential receptors. No mitigation for odors is identified.

Construction Worker Vehicular Emission Levels

The Tule Wind Project site is expected to have a worst-case construction trip generation level of 1,250 ADT based upon the cumulative trip generation produced for the proposed project.^{42,43} The average one-way trip length would be 30.0 miles given the expected service increment of the proposed facility.⁴⁴ A median speed of 45 MPH was used, consistent with average values observed (i.e., combined highway and surface street traffic activity).

The calculated daily emission levels due to travel to and from the site are shown in Table 8 on the following page for the aggregate project trip generation. Based upon the findings, no significant impacts for any criteria pollutants were identified.

Predicted CO / NO_x / PM₁₀ / PM_{2.5} Concentration Levels

Table 9, on Page 51 of this report, lists the roadway segments identified by the traffic engineer for the cumulative build out plus project scenario, the predicted peak hour traffic volume, and the expected CO, NO_x, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5} emissions at 100 feet from the road centerline (minimum possible standing receptor distance). Based upon the dispersion model findings, no localized criteria pollutant impacts were identified for any roadway segment examined. The roadway segments examined were found to comply with the CAAQS and NAAQS standards.

⁴² Source: *Full Traffic Impact Study – Tule Wind Farm, LLG, Inc., 3/26/10.*

⁴³ Motor vehicles are the primary source of emissions associated with the proposed project area. Typically, uses such as the proposed project do not directly emit significant amounts of air pollutants from onsite activities. Rather, vehicular trips to and from these land uses are the significant contributor. Further, it should be additionally noted that including construction worker trips provides a worst-case upper bound estimate on project emissions, since worker trips are typically already accounted for in General Plan traffic estimates and would have been the subject of other air quality assessments (such as for the workers' housing). To avoid double counting of emissions, only the additional travel increment is factored into the analysis.

⁴⁴ The average assumed trip length is the average travel distance to or from the site. It is anticipated that some end trips will be shorter, and some longer, but for the purposes of analysis, the average value is given.

TABLE 8: Construction Worker Trip Emissions – Tule Wind Project

Development Phase	ADT	Aggregate Trip Emissions in Pounds / Day					
		CO	NO _x	SO _x	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	ROG
EMFAC 2007 Year 2012 Emission Rates (in grams/mile @ 45 MPH)							
Light Duty Autos (LDA)		1.937	0.253	0.003	0.008	0.008	0.055
Light Duty Trucks (LDT)		2.416	0.391	0.003	0.017	0.017	0.057
Medium Duty Trucks (MDT)		2.662	0.796	0.005	0.018	0.018	0.087
Heavy Duty Trucks (HDT)		3.750	8.884	0.013	0.270	0.269	0.402
Buses (UBUS)		3.471	15.139	0.021	0.149	0.149	0.468
Motorcycles (MCY)		29.672	1.504	0.002	0.024	0.024	2.642
Proposed Project Action @ 1,250 Net ADT							
Light Duty Autos (LDA)	863	110.50	14.43	0.17	0.46	0.5	3.14
Light Duty Trucks (LDT)	243	38.75	6.27	0.05	0.27	0.3	0.91
Medium Duty Trucks (MDT)	80	14.08	4.21	0.03	0.10	0.1	0.46
Heavy Duty Trucks (HDT)	59	14.57	34.52	0.05	1.05	1.0	1.56
Buses (UBUS)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00
Motorcycles (MCY)	6	12.27	0.62	0.00	0.01	0.0	1.09
Total:	1,250	190.2	60.1	0.3	1.9	1.9	7.2
Significance Threshold (SDAPCD):		550	250	250	100	55	75

Assumes:

- Average 30.0-mile trip distance per vehicle (Proposed Project).
- San Diego air basin wintertime conditions (50° F).⁴⁵
- For vehicular traffic, the fractional emission factor is 0.998 PM_{2.5} / PM₁₀.

⁴⁵ Which is the condition whereby pollutant concentrations have the highest persistence and thus are most likely to produce an impact in a CEQA context.

TABLE 9: Roadway Segment Incremental Project Increases for CO, NO_x, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}

Roadway	Segment	LOS	ADT	Δ CO (ppm)	Δ NO _x (pphm)	Δ PM ₁₀ (ppm)	Δ PM _{2.5} (ppm)
<u>EXISTING BASELINE CONDITIONS</u>							
Crestwood Road	North of I-8	A	1,060	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4
Ribbonwood Road	North of I-8	A	270	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2
	I-8 to Old Highway 80	A	1,230	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.4
McCain Valley Road	North of Old Highway 80	A	110	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2
Old Highway 80	Ribbonwood Road to McCain Valley Road	A	990	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4
<u>EXISTING + PROJECT CONDITONS</u>							
Crestwood Road	North of I-8	A	1,810	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.5
Ribbonwood Road	North of I-8	A	645	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.3
	I-8 to Old Highway 80	A	1,355	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.4
McCain Valley Road	North of Old Highway 80	A	235	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2
Old Highway 80	Ribbonwood Road to McCain Valley Road	A	1,115	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4
<u>EXISTING + PROJECT + CUMULATIVE CONDITIONS</u>							
Crestwood Road	North of I-8	B	3,140	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.6
Ribbonwood Road	North of I-8	A	985	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4
	I-8 to Old Highway 80	B	2,895	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.6
McCain Valley Road	North of Old Highway 80	A	375	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.2
Old Highway 80	Ribbonwood Road to McCain Valley Road	B	2,355	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.5



CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Aggregate Project Emissions

The aggregate emission levels produced by the proposed Tule Wind Project development plan are shown in Table 10 below. Based upon the findings, no construction air quality impacts are anticipated.

TABLE 10: Aggregate Construction Emissions Synopsis – Tule Wind Project

CONSTRUCTION SCENARIO EXAMINED	Aggregate Emissions in Pounds / Day					
	CO	NO _x	SO _x	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5} ⁴⁶	ROG / VOC
Grading Emissions (Tier 0 Baseline):	88.7	179.7	16.6	11.1	10.2	20.3
Surface Grading Dust Generation:	--	--	--	59.1	12.3	--
Powered Haulage Dust Generation:	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.1	4.9	0.0
Construction Vehicular Traffic Generation:	190.2	60.1	0.3	1.9	1.9	7.2
Total (Σ):	278.9	239.8	16.9	95.2	29.3	27.5
Significance Threshold (SDAPCD):	550	250	250	100	55	75

The Tule Wind Project would be required to obtain from the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) the following permits:

1. Temporary batch plant: Permit to Construct, Permit to Operate
2. Transmission Substation: Permit to Construct, Permit to Operate

These permits would not be required as part of the CEQA/NEPA process, but would be needed prior to obtaining permits to construct and operate the above cited facilities. Additional emission review, specific to these uses, would be required with the permit applications.

Consistency with Regional Air Quality Management Plans

Finally, the San Diego APCD establishes what could be thought of as an “emissions budget” or Regional Air Quality Strategy (RAQS) for the San Diego Air Basin. This budget takes into account existing conditions, planned growth based on General Plans for cities within the region, and air quality control measures implemented by the SDAPCD per the requirements of the Federal CAA. The “emissions budget” accounts for current emissions associated with the proposed project, as well as previously approved

⁴⁶ Values shown in this column are for informational purposes only. PM_{2.5} emissions are not currently regulated by CARB. The 55 pound-per-day level shown is a proposed standard that has not been adopted.

projects consistent with current General Plan policies (commonly known as the *Consistency Criterion* of the RAQS).

The proposed Tule Wind Project development is consistent with future build out plans for the project site under the County's General Plan, being less impactful than the current housing densities projected, and therefore satisfies the *Consistency Criterion* of the RAQS.



CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY AND QUALIFICATIONS

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Pollutant Name: Oxides of Nitrogen Temperature: 50F Relative Humidity: 40%

Speed MPH	LDA	LDT	MDT	HDT	UBUS	MCY	ALL
10	0.391	0.616	1.095	15.228	23.752	1.320	1.162
15	0.348	0.542	0.973	11.723	19.230	1.321	0.960
20	0.316	0.488	0.888	10.139	16.369	1.333	0.851
25	0.292	0.448	0.831	9.557	14.638	1.353	0.795
30	0.274	0.420	0.795	9.148	13.742	1.381	0.756
35	0.263	0.402	0.779	8.899	13.534	1.415	0.733
40	0.256	0.392	0.779	8.809	13.978	1.456	0.724
45	0.253	0.391	0.796	8.884	15.139	1.504	0.729
50	0.255	0.397	0.833	9.140	17.200	1.558	0.750
55	0.262	0.411	0.891	9.610	20.512	1.618	0.788
60	0.273	0.435	0.977	10.343	25.694	1.687	0.848
65	0.290	0.471	1.102	11.419	33.832	1.765	0.938

Pollutant Name: Sulfur Dioxide Temperature: 50F Relative Humidity: 40%

Speed MPH	LDA	LDT	MDT	HDT	UBUS	MCY	ALL
10	0.007	0.009	0.012	0.022	0.024	0.003	0.009
15	0.005	0.007	0.009	0.019	0.023	0.002	0.007
20	0.004	0.006	0.008	0.016	0.022	0.002	0.006
25	0.004	0.005	0.006	0.015	0.022	0.002	0.005
30	0.003	0.004	0.006	0.015	0.022	0.002	0.004
35	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.014	0.022	0.002	0.004
40	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.014	0.021	0.002	0.004
45	0.003	0.003	0.005	0.013	0.021	0.002	0.004
50	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.013	0.021	0.002	0.004
55	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.013	0.022	0.002	0.004
60	0.003	0.004	0.006	0.014	0.022	0.003	0.004
65	0.004	0.005	0.006	0.014	0.022	0.003	0.005

Pollutant Name: PM10 Temperature: 50F Relative Humidity: 40%

Speed MPH	LDA	LDT	MDT	HDT	UBUS	MCY	ALL
10	0.038	0.079	0.082	0.793	0.534	0.036	0.087
15	0.026	0.055	0.057	0.560	0.400	0.030	0.060
20	0.019	0.040	0.042	0.420	0.311	0.026	0.044
25	0.014	0.030	0.032	0.357	0.250	0.023	0.035
30	0.012	0.024	0.026	0.312	0.209	0.022	0.030
35	0.010	0.021	0.022	0.284	0.180	0.022	0.026
40	0.009	0.018	0.020	0.270	0.161	0.023	0.024
45	0.008	0.017	0.018	0.270	0.149	0.024	0.023
50	0.008	0.017	0.018	0.285	0.143	0.028	0.023
55	0.008	0.018	0.019	0.313	0.142	0.033	0.025
60	0.009	0.019	0.020	0.354	0.146	0.041	0.028
65	0.011	0.022	0.023	0.409	0.156	0.053	0.032



SCREEN3 Model Output for Criteria Pollutants: CO, NO_x, SO_x, and PM₁₀

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*** SCREEN3 MODEL RUN ***
*** VERSION DATED 96043 ***

TULE WIND PROJECT GRADING AND SITE PREPARATION (9-15-10) - CO

SIMPLE TERRAIN INPUTS:

SOURCE TYPE = AREA
EMISSION RATE (G/(S-M**2)) = .469670E-08
SOURCE HEIGHT (M) = 3.0000
LENGTH OF LARGER SIDE (M) = 9957.3000
LENGTH OF SMALLER SIDE (M) = 9957.3000
RECEPTOR HEIGHT (M) = 10.0000
URBAN/RURAL OPTION = RURAL
THE REGULATORY (DEFAULT) MIXING HEIGHT OPTION WAS SELECTED.
THE REGULATORY (DEFAULT) ANEMOMETER HEIGHT OF 10.0 METERS WAS ENTERED.

MODEL ESTIMATES DIRECTION TO MAX CONCENTRATION

BUOY. FLUX = .000 M**4/S**3; MOM. FLUX = .000 M**4/S**2.

*** FULL METEOROLOGY ***

*** SCREEN AUTOMATED DISTANCES ***

*** TERRAIN HEIGHT OF 0. M ABOVE STACK BASE USED FOR FOLLOWING DISTANCES ***

DIST (M)	CONC (UG/M**3)	STAB	U10M (M/S)	USTK (M/S)	MIX HT (M)	PLUME HT (M)	MAX DIR (DEG)
20.	.9201	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
100.	.9252	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	44.
200.	.9364	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
300.	.9455	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
400.	.9544	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
500.	.9633	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
600.	.9721	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
700.	.9810	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
800.	.9897	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
900.	.9984	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1000.	1.007	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1100.	1.016	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1200.	1.024	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1300.	1.022	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1400.	1.030	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1500.	1.039	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1600.	1.047	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1700.	1.056	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1800.	1.064	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1900.	1.072	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2000.	1.081	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2100.	1.089	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2200.	1.097	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2300.	1.105	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2400.	1.114	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2500.	1.122	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2600.	1.130	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2700.	1.138	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2800.	1.146	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2900.	1.154	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
3000.	1.162	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.



3500.	1.201	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
4000.	1.240	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
4500.	1.278	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
5000.	1.315	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
5500.	1.352	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
6000.	1.388	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
6500.	1.423	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
7000.	1.458	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
7500.	1.416	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
8000.	1.343	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
8500.	1.278	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
9000.	1.227	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
9500.	1.184	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
10000.	1.148	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.

MAXIMUM 1-HR CONCENTRATION AT OR BEYOND 20. M:
7042. 1.461 6 1.0 1.0 10000.0 3.00 45.

*** SUMMARY OF SCREEN MODEL RESULTS ***

CALCULATION PROCEDURE	MAX CONC (UG/M**3)	DIST TO MAX (M)	TERRAIN HT (M)
----- SIMPLE TERRAIN	----- 1.461	----- 7042.	----- 0.



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*** SCREEN3 MODEL RUN ***
*** VERSION DATED 96043 ***

TULE WIND PROJECT GRADING AND SITE PREPARATION (9-15-10) - NOX

SIMPLE TERRAIN INPUTS:

SOURCE TYPE = AREA
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LENGTH OF SMALLER SIDE (M) = 9957.3000
RECEPTOR HEIGHT (M) = 10.0000
URBAN/RURAL OPTION = RURAL

THE REGULATORY (DEFAULT) MIXING HEIGHT OPTION WAS SELECTED.
THE REGULATORY (DEFAULT) ANEMOMETER HEIGHT OF 10.0 METERS WAS ENTERED.

MODEL ESTIMATES DIRECTION TO MAX CONCENTRATION

BUOY. FLUX = .000 M**4/S**3; MOM. FLUX = .000 M**4/S**2.

*** FULL METEOROLOGY ***

*** SCREEN AUTOMATED DISTANCES ***

*** TERRAIN HEIGHT OF 0. M ABOVE STACK BASE USED FOR FOLLOWING DISTANCES ***

DIST (M)	CONC (UG/M**3)	STAB	U10M (M/S)	USTK (M/S)	MIX HT (M)	PLUME HT (M)	MAX DIR (DEG)
20.	1.864	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
100.	1.874	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	44.
200.	1.897	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
300.	1.915	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
400.	1.934	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
500.	1.952	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
600.	1.969	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
700.	1.987	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
800.	2.005	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
900.	2.023	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1000.	2.040	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1100.	2.058	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1200.	2.075	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1300.	2.070	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1400.	2.087	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1500.	2.105	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1600.	2.122	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1700.	2.139	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1800.	2.156	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1900.	2.173	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2000.	2.189	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2100.	2.206	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2200.	2.223	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2300.	2.240	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2400.	2.256	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2500.	2.273	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2600.	2.289	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2700.	2.305	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2800.	2.322	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2900.	2.338	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
3000.	2.354	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
3500.	2.434	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
4000.	2.512	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.



4500.	2.589	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
5000.	2.664	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
5500.	2.739	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
6000.	2.812	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
6500.	2.884	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
7000.	2.954	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
7500.	2.868	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
8000.	2.721	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
8500.	2.590	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
9000.	2.485	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
9500.	2.399	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
10000.	2.325	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.

MAXIMUM 1-HR CONCENTRATION AT OR BEYOND 20. M:
7042. 2.960 6 1.0 1.0 10000.0 3.00 45.

*** SUMMARY OF SCREEN MODEL RESULTS ***

CALCULATION PROCEDURE	MAX CONC (UG/M**3)	DIST TO MAX (M)	TERRAIN HT (M)
----- SIMPLE TERRAIN	----- 2.960	----- 7042.	----- 0.



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TULE WIND PROJECT GRADING AND SITE PREPARATION (9-15-10) - SOX

SIMPLE TERRAIN INPUTS:

SOURCE TYPE = AREA
EMISSION RATE (G/(S-M**2)) = .878970E-09
SOURCE HEIGHT (M) = 3.0000
LENGTH OF LARGER SIDE (M) = 9957.3000
LENGTH OF SMALLER SIDE (M) = 9957.3000
RECEPTOR HEIGHT (M) = 10.0000
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*** TERRAIN HEIGHT OF 0. M ABOVE STACK BASE USED FOR FOLLOWING DISTANCES ***

DIST (M)	CONC (UG/M**3)	STAB	U10M (M/S)	USTK (M/S)	MIX HT (M)	PLUME HT (M)	MAX DIR (DEG)
20.	.1722	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
100.	.1731	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	44.
200.	.1753	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
300.	.1769	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
400.	.1786	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
500.	.1803	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
600.	.1819	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
700.	.1836	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
800.	.1852	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
900.	.1869	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1000.	.1885	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1100.	.1901	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1200.	.1917	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1300.	.1912	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1400.	.1928	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1500.	.1944	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1600.	.1960	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1700.	.1976	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1800.	.1991	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1900.	.2007	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2000.	.2023	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2100.	.2038	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2200.	.2053	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2300.	.2069	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2400.	.2084	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2500.	.2099	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2600.	.2114	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2700.	.2130	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2800.	.2145	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2900.	.2160	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
3000.	.2174	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
3500.	.2248	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
4000.	.2321	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.



4500.	.2392	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
5000.	.2461	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
5500.	.2530	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
6000.	.2598	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
6500.	.2664	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
7000.	.2729	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
7500.	.2650	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
8000.	.2513	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
8500.	.2393	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
9000.	.2296	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
9500.	.2216	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
10000.	.2148	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.

MAXIMUM 1-HR CONCENTRATION AT OR BEYOND 20. M:
7042. .2734 6 1.0 1.0 10000.0 3.00 45.

*** SUMMARY OF SCREEN MODEL RESULTS ***

CALCULATION PROCEDURE	MAX CONC (UG/M**3)	DIST TO MAX (M)	TERRAIN HT (M)
----- SIMPLE TERRAIN	----- .2734	----- 7042.	----- 0.



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EMISSION RATE (G/(S-M**2)) = .587750E-09
SOURCE HEIGHT (M) = 3.0000
LENGTH OF LARGER SIDE (M) = 9957.3000
LENGTH OF SMALLER SIDE (M) = 9957.3000
RECEPTOR HEIGHT (M) = 10.0000
URBAN/RURAL OPTION = RURAL

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*** SCREEN AUTOMATED DISTANCES ***

*** TERRAIN HEIGHT OF 0. M ABOVE STACK BASE USED FOR FOLLOWING DISTANCES ***

DIST (M)	CONC (UG/M**3)	STAB	U10M (M/S)	USTK (M/S)	MIX HT (M)	PLUME HT (M)	MAX DIR (DEG)
20.	.1151	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
100.	.1158	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	44.
200.	.1172	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
300.	.1183	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
400.	.1194	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
500.	.1205	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
600.	.1217	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
700.	.1228	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
800.	.1239	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
900.	.1249	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1000.	.1260	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1100.	.1271	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1200.	.1282	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1300.	.1279	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1400.	.1289	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1500.	.1300	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1600.	.1311	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1700.	.1321	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1800.	.1332	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
1900.	.1342	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2000.	.1352	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2100.	.1363	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2200.	.1373	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2300.	.1383	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2400.	.1394	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2500.	.1404	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2600.	.1414	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2700.	.1424	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2800.	.1434	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
2900.	.1444	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
3000.	.1454	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
3500.	.1503	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
4000.	.1552	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.



4500.	.1599	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
5000.	.1646	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
5500.	.1692	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
6000.	.1737	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
6500.	.1781	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
7000.	.1825	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
7500.	.1772	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
8000.	.1681	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
8500.	.1600	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
9000.	.1535	6	1.0	1.0	10000.0	3.00	45.
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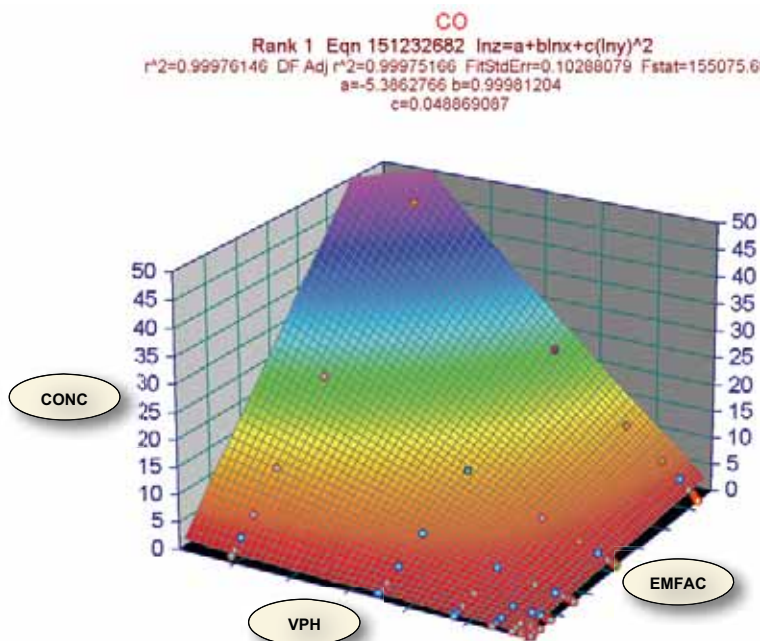
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*** SUMMARY OF SCREEN MODEL RESULTS ***

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----- SIMPLE TERRAIN	----- .1828	----- 7042.	----- 0.



CALINE4 SOLUTION SPACE RESULTS – SCENARIO CO

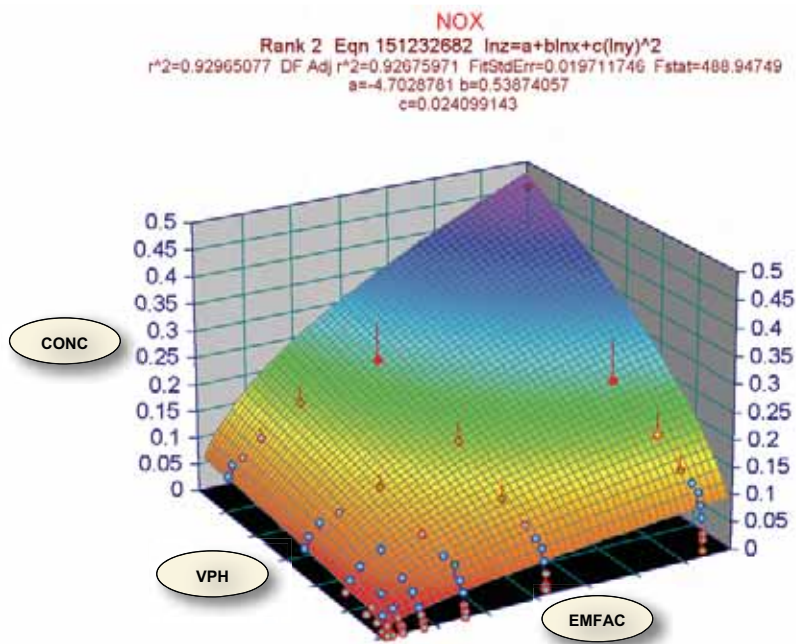


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r^2	Coef Det	DF Adj	r^2	Fit Std Err	F-value
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Parm	Value	Std Error	t-value	95.00% Confidence Limits		P> t
a	-5.38627658	0.022750405	-236.75519	-5.43160775	-5.34094541	0.00000
b	0.999812043	0.003657036	273.3940571	0.992525238	1.007098847	0.00000
c	0.048869087	0.000171868	284.3402911	0.048526632	0.049211542	0.00000

CALINE4 SOLUTION SPACE RESULTS – SCENARIO NO_x

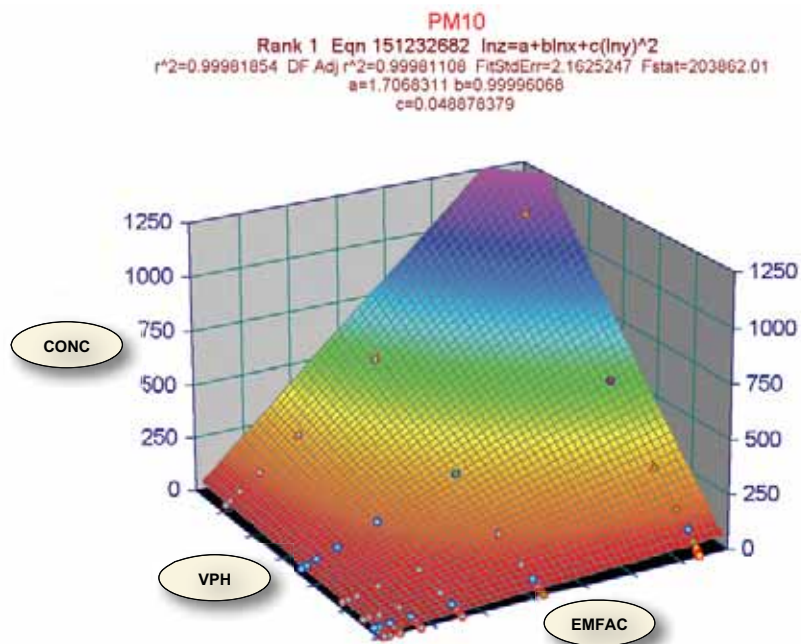


Rank 1 Eqn 151232653 $\ln z = a + b x^{0.5} + c (\ln y)^2$

r^2	Coef Det	DF Adj	r^2	Fit Std Err	F-value	
0.9311638335		0.9283349499		0.0194986151	500.50814223	
Parm	Value	Std Error	t-value	95.00% Confidence Limits		P> t
a	-5.48793064	0.131941715	-41.593598	-5.75083025	-5.22503104	0.00000
b	0.756396215	0.037072879	20.40295328	0.682526891	0.830265538	0.00000
c	0.023350423	0.001103789	21.15477893	0.021151074	0.025549771	0.00000



CALINE4 SOLUTION SPACE RESULTS – SCENARIO PM₁₀



Rank 1 Eqn 151232682 $lnz=a+blnx+c(lny)^2$

r^2	Coef Det	DF Adj	r^2	Fit Std Err	F-value
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Parm	Value	Std Error	t-value	95.00% Confidence Limits		P> t
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INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Existing Site Characterization

The project site has an effective working footprint of 38.3 square-miles (24,500 acres)¹ located in the eastern portion of San Diego County in the community of Boulevard, CA as shown in Figure 1a on the following page. Regional access to the site is obtained from the Ribbonwood Road exit, off Interstate 8 (I-8) and McCain Valley Road.

The development site consists of steep and rugged terrain areas located primarily on federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or other public lands, such as those maintained by the California State Lands Commission, and the Cuyapaipe Band of Mission Indians (denoted as the red shaded areas, as shown in Figure 1b on Page 3 of this report). A small portion of the project site resides on privately owned lands under the jurisdiction of the County of San Diego, with the majority of the project area being outside the land use jurisdiction of the County of San Diego. Elevations across the site are markedly varied and range from approximately 3,500 to 5,600 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Project Description

The Tule Wind Project proposes the construction of a 200-megawatt (MW) wind turbine power generating facility within the McCain Valley area of eastern San Diego County. Pacific Wind Development LLC is proposing to construct and operate the Tule Wind Project located near Boulevard, California. The proposed wind generation project will consist of the following components:

- Up to 134 wind turbines, ranging in size between 328 and 492 feet in height, to produce 200 MW of electricity, as denoted in Figures 2a through -e starting on Page 4 of this report;
- Construct a five-acre collector substation and five-acre operation and maintenance (O&M) facility as denoted as brown polygons in Figures 2a through -e;
- Construct a 34.5 kV electrical collector grid (denoted as –E– in Figures 2a through -e) connecting the turbines to the collector substation, and construct a 138-kilovolt (kV) overhead and underground transmission line (denoted as –T– in Figures 2a through -e) running south from the proposed substation to the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Boulevard Substation;
- Construct access roads between turbines and perform improvements to existing roadways, as denoted in red in Figure 3 on Page 9 of this report;
- Construct a temporary five-acre batch plant for construction activities, as well as a temporary 10-acre parking area, and nineteen two-acre lay down areas; and,
- Construct two permanent meteorological towers and one SODAR Unit.

¹ Determined to consist of the worst-case polygon enclosing the turbine locations and access roads shown in Figure 3 of this report.

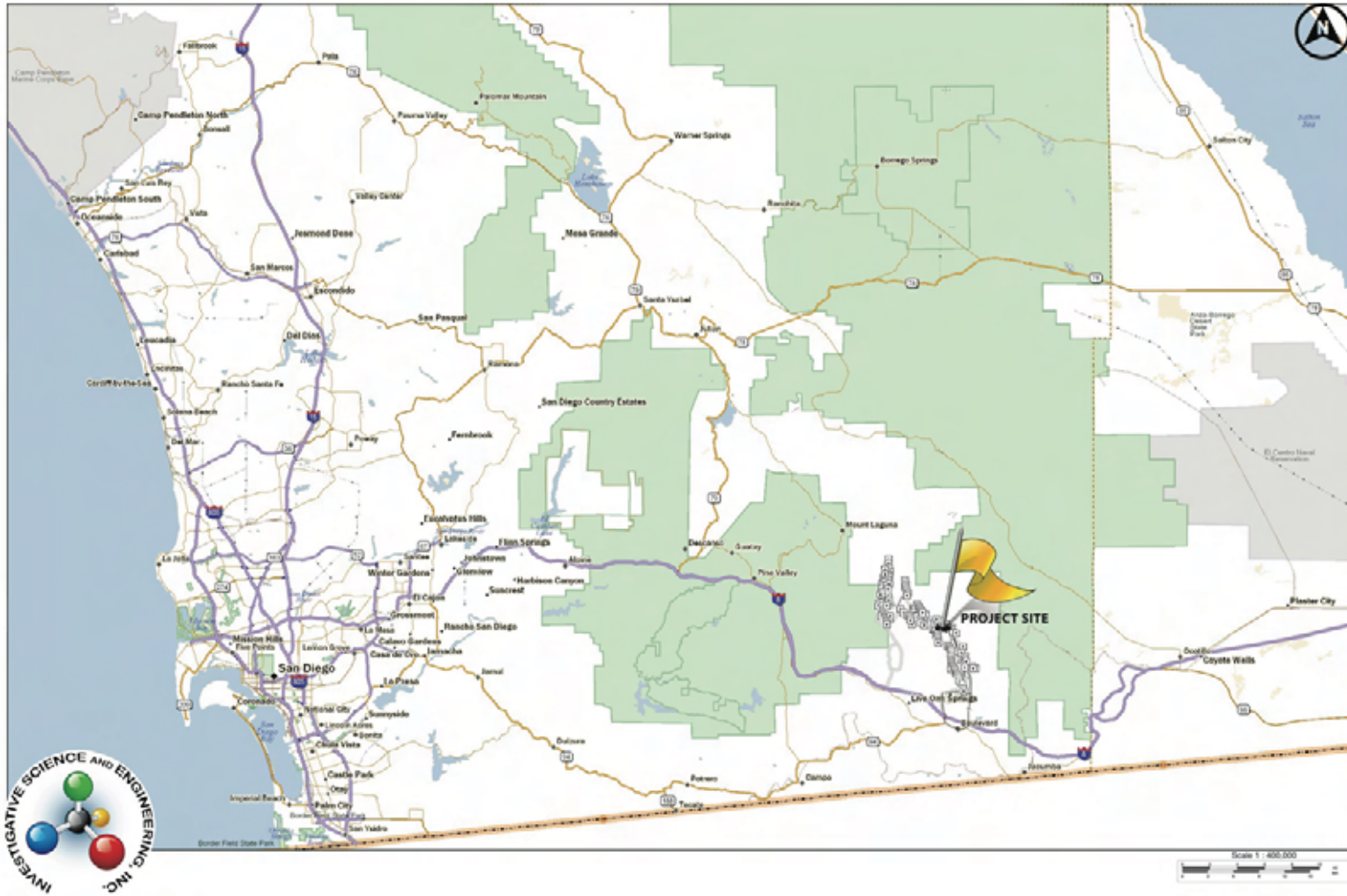


FIGURE 1a: Project Area Vicinity Map (ISE 9/10)

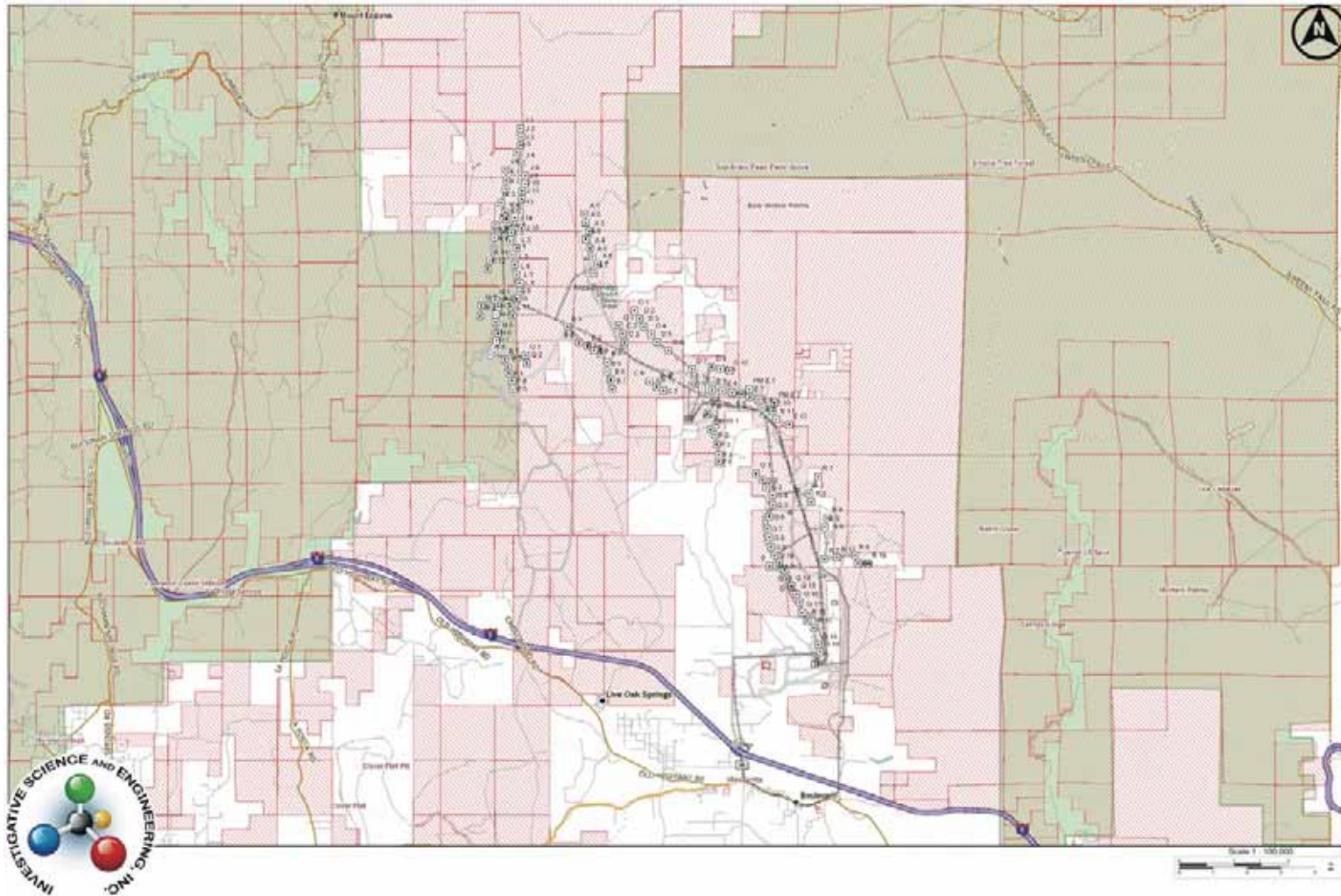


FIGURE 1b: Project Jurisdictional Land Use Map (ISE 9/10)

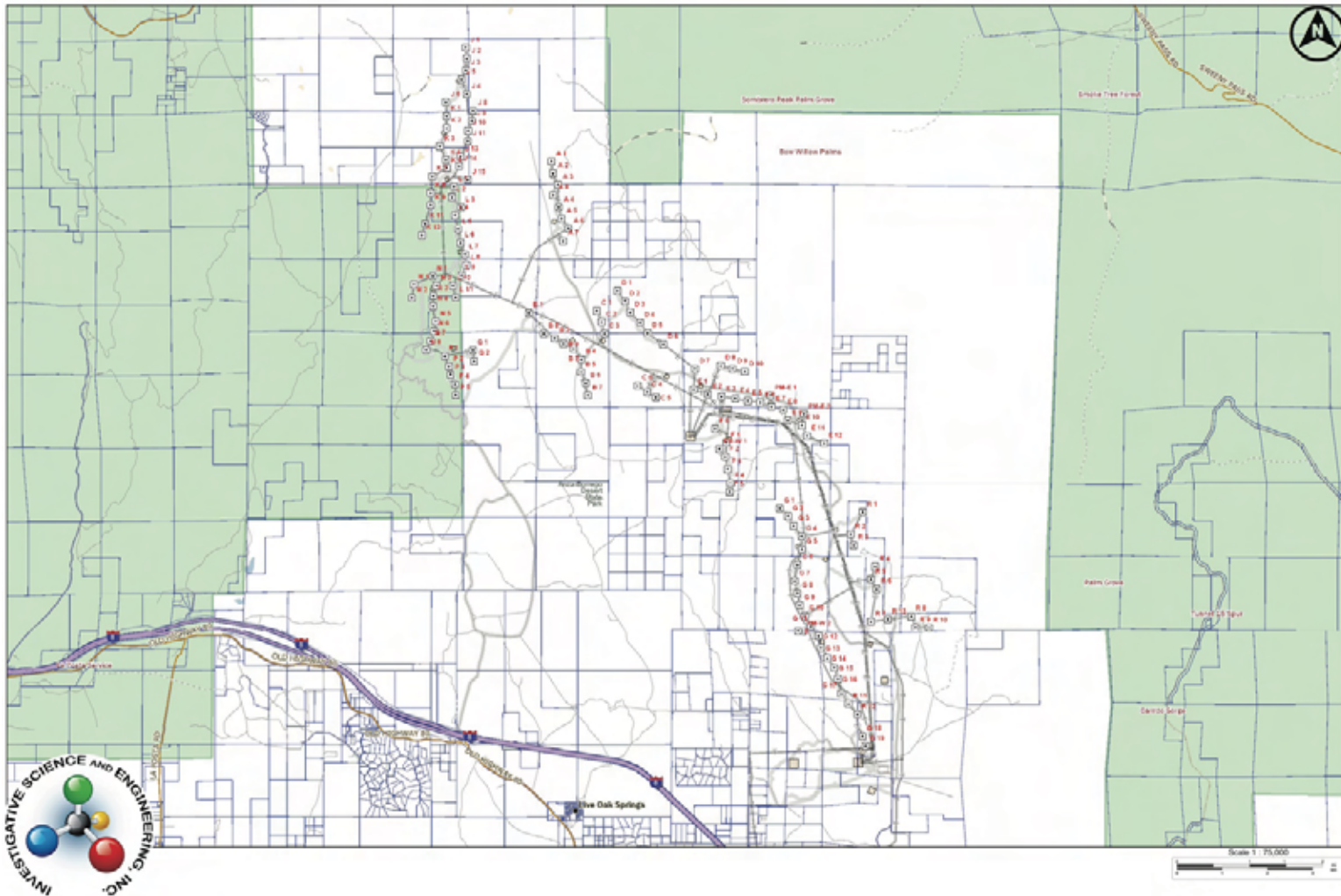


FIGURE 2a: Proposed Tule Wind Project Overview Map (ISE 9/10)

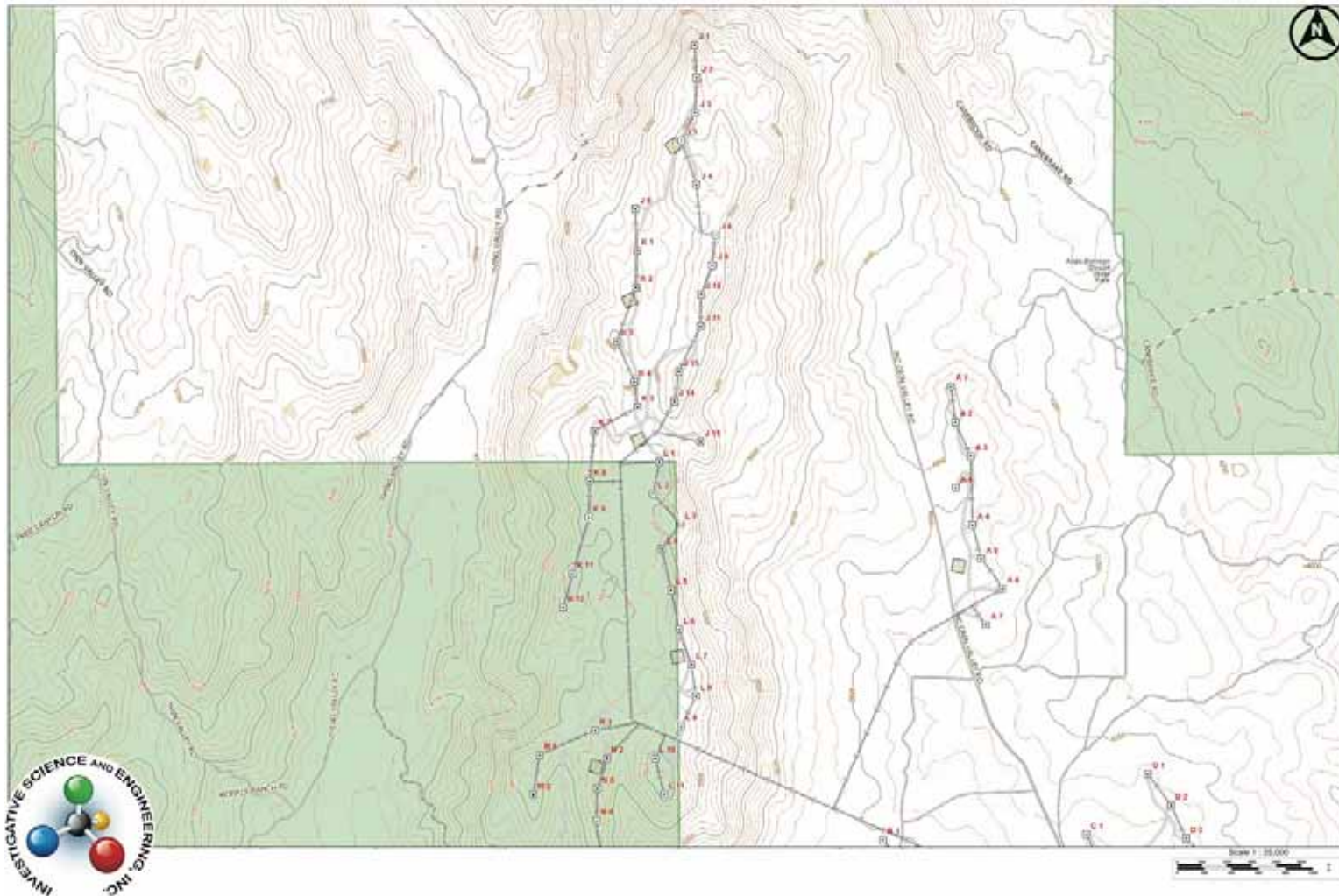


FIGURE 2b: Proposed Tule Wind Project Turbine Configuration – Sheet 1 (ISE 9/10)

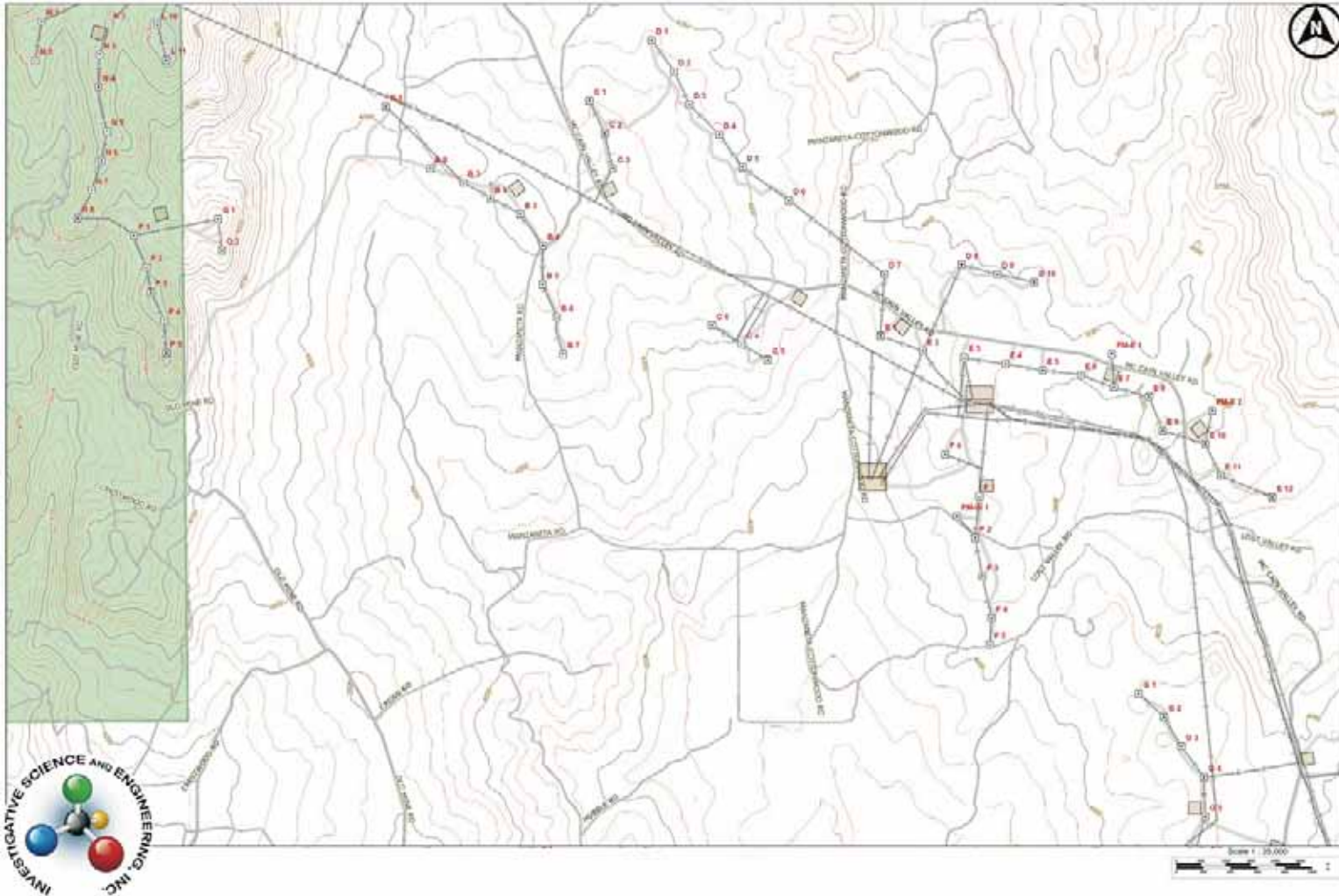


FIGURE 2c: Proposed Tule Wind Project Turbine Configuration – Sheet 2 (ISE 9/10)

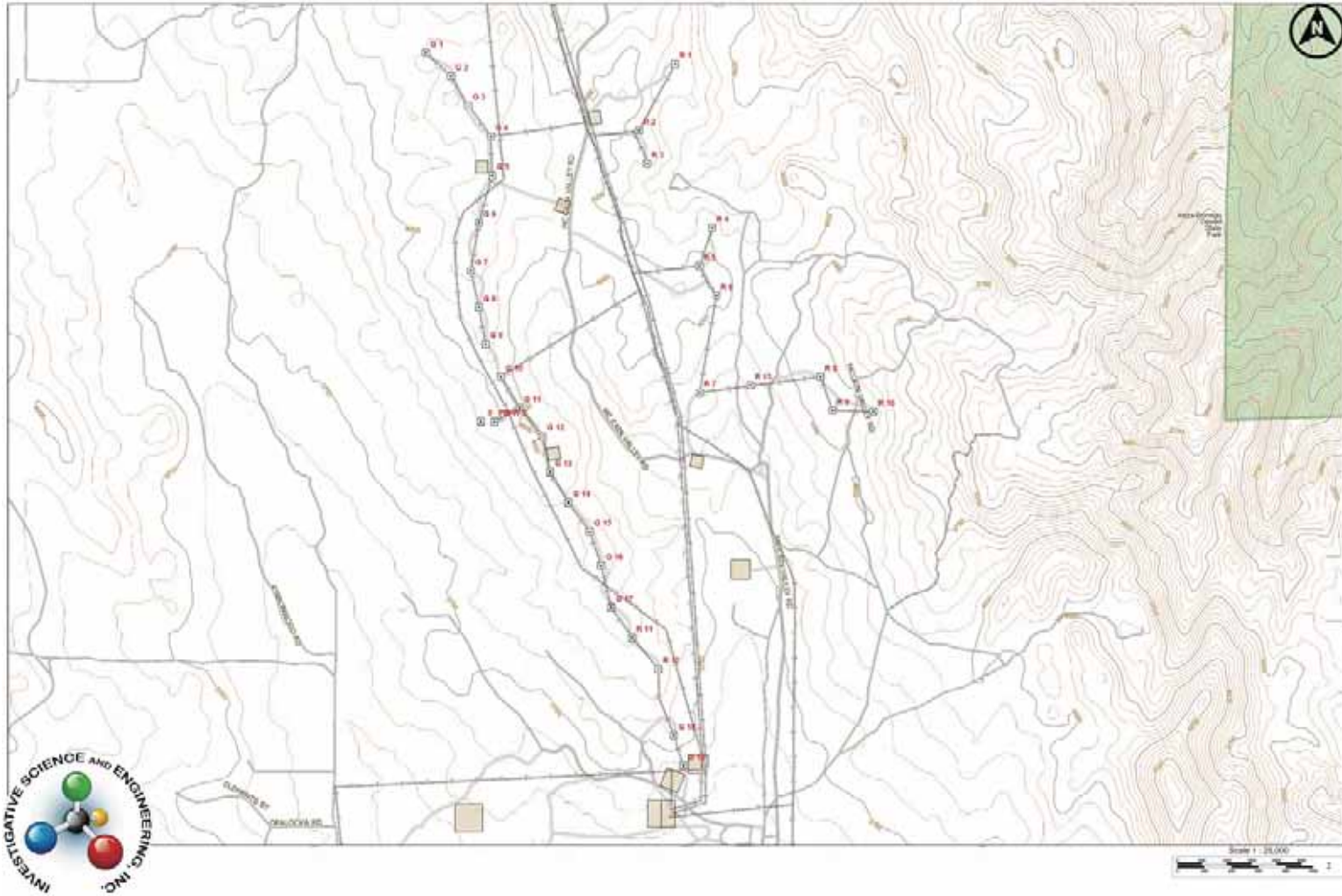


FIGURE 2d: Proposed Tule Wind Project Turbine Configuration – Sheet 3 (ISE 9/10)



FIGURE 2e: Proposed Tule Wind Project Turbine Configuration – Sheet 4 (ISE 9/10)

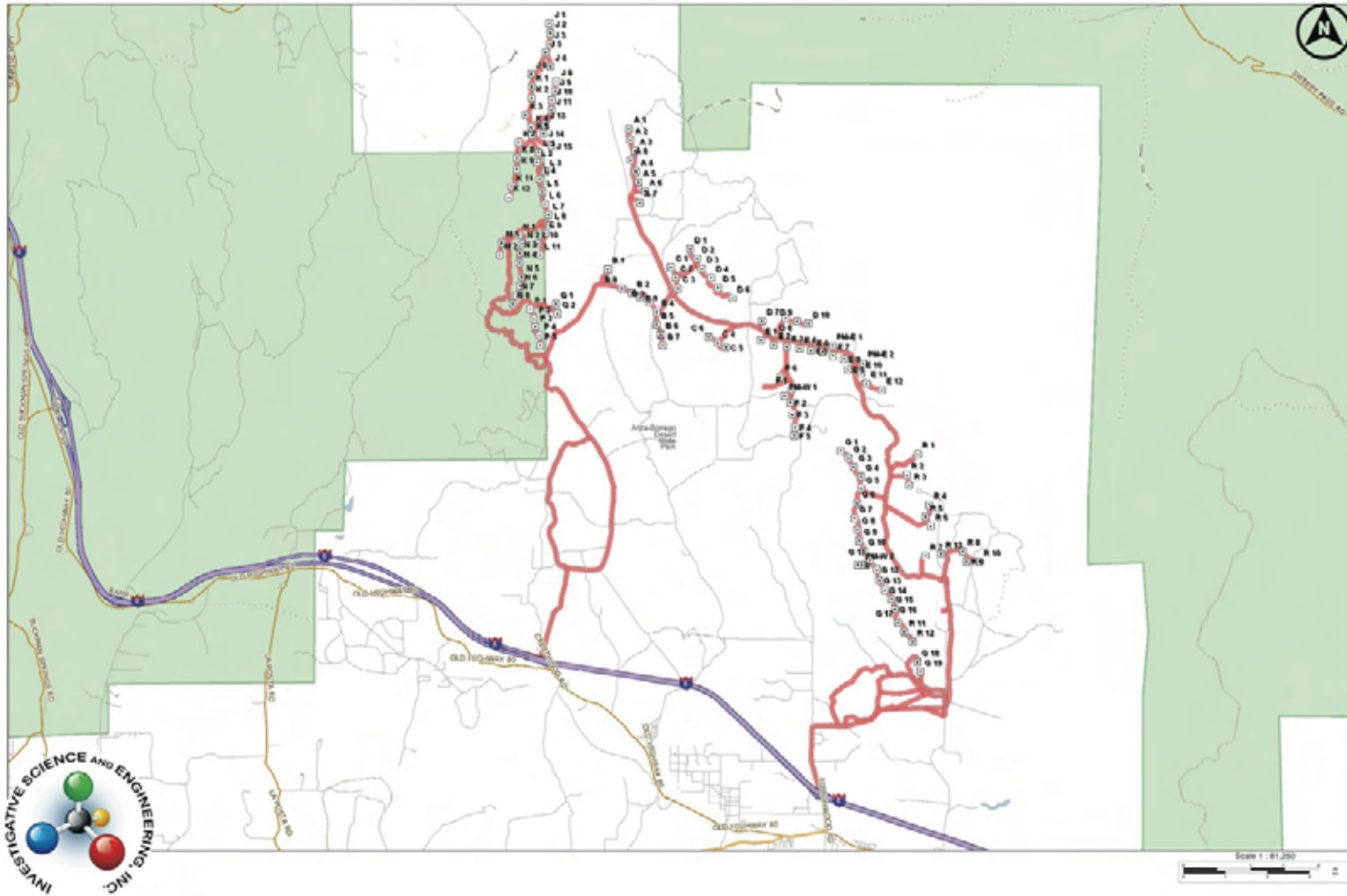


FIGURE 3: Proposed Tule Wind Project Access Road Configuration (ISE 9/10)

Project construction activities will avoid excessive grading on roads, road embankments, ditches, and drainages to the extent possible to maintain a minimal footprint. A temporary construction work area will be cleared for each wind turbine tower. Work areas may vary in size, and may be constructed differently in keeping with each site's topography (although for the purposes of analysis within this report, an average estimate of construction effort will be examined). The proposed construction influence area (and subsequent study area within this report) is shown in Figure 4 on the following page.

Each turbine work area will require up to a 200-foot radius to be cleared and leveled. The cleared area is necessary for foundation excavation and construction, assembling turbine sections, and also to stage the construction crane, which will hoist turbine sections into place. The turbine construction area will not be paved. Permanent wind tower foundations will be approximately 60 feet in diameter, and seven to ten feet in depth. After turbine erection has been completed, a 9 to 10-foot wide area around the base of the tower will be surfaced with gravel. The gravel will provide a stable surface area for maintenance vehicles, and will minimize surface erosion and runoff.

Underground electrical and communications cables will be placed in a 3 to 5-foot wide, and 3 to 5-foot deep trench, generally along the length of the proposed turbine access roads. Electrical cables will be installed first and the trench will be partially backfilled before placing communications cables. The topsoil in the trench will be stripped and set aside before the trench is backfilled, with topsoil replaced on the uppermost layer. Concrete or fiberglass vaults and splice boxes will be placed at necessary locations. Boxes will have locked lids to prevent public access. The vaults will be about 5 x 5 x 8 feet, and will be placed approximately 2,500 feet apart.

Aboveground collector lines will use steel poles that are 60 to 80 feet in height; taller heights may be needed to cross washes or drainages. Aboveground lines are normally used to span canyons or streams to eliminate the habitat disturbance that trenching causes in these areas. The interconnection transmission line, operating at a voltage of 138 kV, and leading from the Project substation to the Boulevard substation will be above ground for all or a portion of its length. The exact location for transmission poles will be determined closer to final engineering and design.

Finally, roads will be designed in accordance with County Standards. Transportation routing will be conducted to minimize impacts to normal traffic flow during the transport of turbine components, main assembly cranes, and other large pieces of equipment. After construction is complete, the applicant will work to restore vegetation to pre-construction standards for all disturbed areas.



FIGURE 4: Isometric Aerial Photograph w/ Proposed Project Uses (ISE 9/10)

Upon completion of construction, the project would be supported by up to 10 permanent full-time or part-time employees on the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) staff. Typically, these staff will be present on site during normal business hours. Maintenance activities will be limited to areas accessible by the permanent access roads provided during the construction phase. Each turbine would be serviced approximately twice a year. Turbine servicing activities might include temporarily deploying a crane, removing the turbine rotor, replacing generators, bearings, and deploying personnel to climb the towers to service parts within the turbine.

Computer systems inside each turbine would perform self-diagnostic tests and allow a remote operator to set new operating parameters, perform system checks, and ensure turbines are operating at peak performance. Turbines would automatically shut down if sustained winds reach 50 miles per hour (mph) or gusts reach about 56 mph. There would be no operational air quality issues associated with the proposed Tule Wind Project.

Historical Context of Global Warming Theories

Much recent conjecture has been postulated as to the effect of the so-called, 'Global Warming Phenomenon' or 'Greenhouse Gas Effect' and its correlation to anthropogenic 'Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions'.² The debate began based upon initial observations that global surface temperatures have been perceived to be steadily increasing over the past century (i.e., the period for which competent and reliable measurements have been taken), with an increase of roughly 0.6 degrees Centigrade, as can be seen in the first pane of Figure 5 on the following page^{3,4,5}

² In fact, the notion that manmade (anthropogenic) global warming was a possibility has existed in written documentation since the early 1880's and been the subject of much chicanery within the realms of scientific fact as well as that of science fiction. Arguments have ranged from anecdotal cause-and-effect relationships to outright claims of disaster such as sea ice melting at great rates causing precipitous rises in global ocean levels (a clear violation of *Archimedes' principle* discovered over 2,200 years ago). It is safe to say that the dynamics of anthropogenic global warming and/or cooling is a less than well-defined field of science.

³ The majority of this increase in temperature, which is formally expressed by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as 0.6 ± 0.2 degrees Centigrade, occurred before 1940 AD, the generally accepted date when anthropogenic atmospheric CO₂ levels started any noticeable increase. The data presented in the first pane of Figure 5 provides information from surface temperature stations (red bars), as well as the annual average (the black trend line). The gray bars indicate the 95-percent confidence limits on the data. The black global temperature line (which is the basis of the whole global temperature increase argument) is only as good as the bounds of the gray tick-marks (which can have errors as large as, or larger than, the data point being represented).

⁴ Source: IPCC, 2001, *Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* [Houghton, J.T., Y. Ding, D.J. Griggs, M. Noguer, P.J. van der Linden, X. Dai, K. Maskell, and C.A. Johnson(eds.)]. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, United Kingdom and New York, NY, USA, pp. 388-389.

⁵ Recent developments in 2009 and early 2010 have cast these fundamental observations into doubt with the acknowledgement by the chief of the UK's *Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research* (the creators of the modern theory of anthropogenic global warming) that critical scientific measurements which formed the foundation of current global warming hypotheses have been 'discarded' and are 'unavailable', and cannot be replicated even by the Hadley Centre itself. In effect, the data that formed the basis of the 'theory' no longer exists.

Variations of the Earth's surface temperature for:

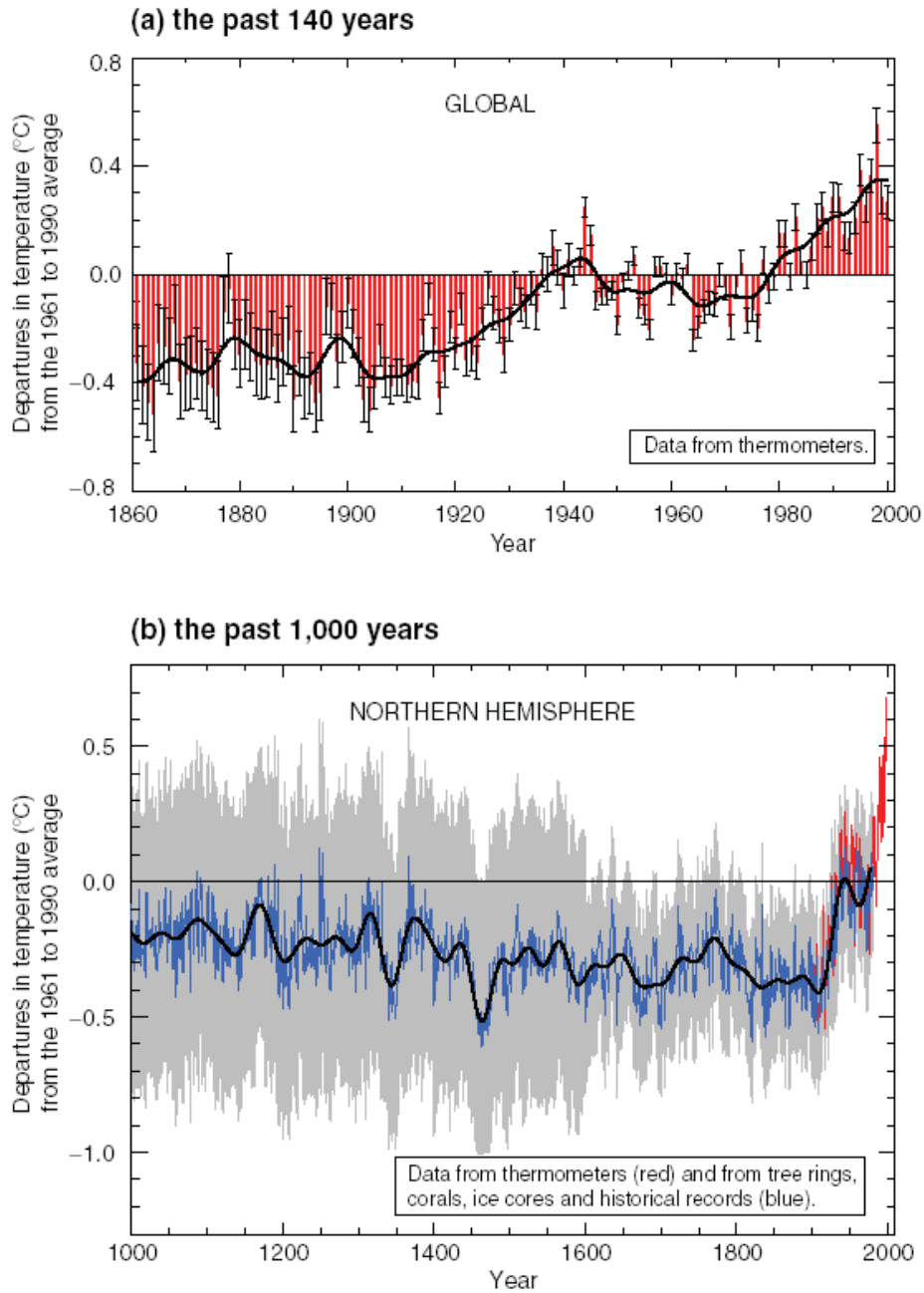


FIGURE 5: Measured/Predicted Global Temperature Variations (UN IPCC)⁶

⁶ Reprinted exactly from the *Third Assessment Report of Working Group I* of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 2001.

Further examination of ice core records and tree ring data allowed researchers to probe far back in time to look at surface temperature variations over the past millennia (refer to the second pane of Figure 5).^{7,8} The results would seem to indicate a noticeable increase in surface temperature over the past 100 years, occurring in roughly 1910 AD, becoming cyclically maximal around 1940 AD, and having a period of recurrence of slightly over 30 years.^{9,10} This upward shift in temperature in a post-industrialized world was the impetus for all current global warming predictions.

Greenhouse Gases and Global Warming Potential

Greenhouse gases are defined by the IPCC as those naturally occurring and anthropogenic chemical compounds within the atmosphere that absorb and reflect infrared radiation emitted by the Earth's surface.¹¹ A numerical metric known as the 'Global Warming Potential' (GWP) is a measure of how much a given mass of greenhouse gas is estimated to contribute to global warming relative to pure carbon dioxide (whose GWP is normalized at 1.0).

A complete listing of known greenhouse gases and their associated GWP is shown in Table 1, starting on Page 16 of this report. Examples of the more prevalent gases are detailed below:

- Carbon dioxide (CO₂): CO₂ is a naturally occurring gas and is part of the *carbon cycle*, whereby carbon is cycled between the atmosphere, ocean, terrestrial life, and mineral reserves. The predominant source of anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions is from the combustion of fossil fuels and hydrocarbons. Without CO₂, all life on Earth would cease to exist. Carbon Dioxide is the reference gas against which all other greenhouse gases

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ The second pane of temperature trends from the IPCC report shows the same red bars (known temperature station data from the past 140 years), as well as a blue curve (which is a reconstructed temperature curve based upon ice cores and other natural evidence), and also a black curve, which is the 50-year moving average line. As in the previous graph pane, the gray marks indicate the 95-percent confidence intervals of the data. The IPCC report is very careful in its wording with respect to the historical reconstruction (which would indicate that over the past 1,000 years the temperature has been hotter, or colder, or neither – namely, it would be deemed as statistically meaningless by scientists). This graph is also known as the 'hockey-stick' graph highly touted as conclusive proof of anthropogenic global warming. The UN has rewritten the findings of this graph between its First Working Group Report in 1990 to the most current Fourth Working Group Report in November 2007.

⁹ Recent (2007) Microwave Sounding Unit (MSU) temperature measurements made from NOAA's polar-orbiting satellite platforms of the lower troposphere indicate a *cooling* of the planet despite an incremental increase in CO₂ levels. In fact, the same satellites have shown a steady *decrease* in temperature within the tropopause of 0.314 degrees Centigrade per decade since 1979. If the satellites can be trusted, this would indicate that the UN's original increase of 0.6 ± 0.2 degrees Centigrade has completely disappeared.

¹⁰ In a purely historical context, this observation led then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, following the United Kingdom's (UK's) General Election of 1979, to adopt an obscure theory at the time for her pro-nuclear power generation platform: namely, the notion that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) was the primary constituent to atmospheric warming, and that fossil-fuel {coal} burning power plants should be replaced with cleaner sources. Thus, at her insistence, the UK's Hadley Centre was formed to advance this theory. This center ultimately became the operating agency for the IPCC's scientific Working Group I in 1990, and the originating agency for all anthropogenic global warming hypotheses.

¹¹ The basic mechanism can be summarized as follows: 1) solar radiation heats the planet primarily through ultraviolet and higher energy transmission, 2) Earth gets warm and is offset by temperature levels in the oceans (which act as a global thermostat), 3) Earth emits black-body radiation in the lower infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, 4) most of the infrared radiation escapes the planet in accordance with the First Law of Thermodynamics, 5) a small portion of the energy is captured through molecular motion changes within the atmospheric greenhouse gases, and 6) this captured energy re-radiates back toward Earth (and interstellar space) producing a secondary heating effect. However, despite its name, this is not the same mechanism by which a greenhouse operates.

are compared. It makes up approximately 3.6 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.

- Water Vapor (H₂O): Water is a chemical compound that is essential to all known forms of life and has been denoted as '*the universal solvent*'. Water vapor is the gaseous form of water comprising roughly 0.001% of all water on the planet. Without H₂O, all life on Earth would cease to exist. Water vapor captures roughly 10 times as much infrared energy as CO₂.¹² Water vapor makes up approximately 95 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.
- Methane (CH₄): CH₄ is a greenhouse gas with both natural and anthropogenic sources and is believed to have been the primary atmospheric constituent of primordial Earth. Methane is naturally produced by the anaerobic decomposition of organic matter. Methane is also emitted during the production and distribution of natural gas and petroleum, and is released as a by-product of incomplete {low-temperature} fossil fuel combustion. It is estimated that a little more than half of the current methane emissions to the atmosphere are from anthropogenic sources. Methane constitutes approximately 0.36 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.
- Nitrous Oxide (N₂O): Primarily, N₂O is naturally produced by bacterial action within the soil, and anthropogenically by high temperature combustion. The result is more-or-less the production of photochemical smog. Lesser sources, such as manufacturing, wastewater treatment, and biomass burning, also produce trace amounts of this substance. N₂O constitutes approximately 0.95 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.
- Halocarbons (CFC's) / Perfluorocarbons (PFC's) are carbon compounds that contain fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine. Anthropogenic sources are the primary generator of these substances. These gases constitute roughly 0.072 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.

Naturally occurring greenhouse gases include the aforementioned carbon dioxide (CO₂), water vapor (H₂O), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), and ozone (O₃). In addition, several classes of halogenated substances that contain fluorine, chlorine, or bromine also demonstrate a 'greenhouse' gas potential. Examples of these pollutants are halocarbons, perfluorocarbons (PFC's), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆), etc.

¹² The IPCC scientific panel states that about half of the projected global temperature increase from CO₂ is due to what is referred to as the *water vapor feedback effect*. Water vapor feedback is caused by the radiative efficiency of H₂O in vaporous form (i.e., its GWP). The UN IPCC report neglects to present this value.

TABLE 1: Known Greenhouse Gases and Global Warming Potential¹³

Pollutant Name	Chemical Formula	GWP Relative to CO ₂ (100 year horizon)
Carbon Dioxide	CO ₂	1
Dibromomethane	CH ₂ Br ₂	1
R-1311 (Trifluoriodomethane)	FIC-131 ₁	1
R-E170 (Dimethyl ether)	CH ₃ OCH ₃	1
Methyl Bromide	CH ₃ Br	5
Dichloromethane	CH ₂ Cl ₂	10
R-161 (HFC-161, Fluoroethane)	HFC-161	12
R-40 (Methyl Chloride)	CH ₃ Cl	16
Methane	CH ₄	23
Chloroform	CHCl ₃	30
2,2,3,3,3-Pentafluoro-1-propanol	CF ₃ CF ₂ CH ₂ OH	40
R-152 (HFC-152, 1,1-Difluoroethane)	HFC-152	43
2,2,2-Trifluoro-ethanol	(CF ₃)CH ₂ OH	57
R-41 (HFC-41, Methyl fluoride)	HFC-41	97
R-123 (HCFC-123, Dichlorotrifluoroethane)	HCFC-123	120
R-152a (HFC-152a, 1,1-Difluoroethane)	HFC-152a	120
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	CH ₃ CCl ₃	140
1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-Propanol	(CF ₃) ₂ CHOH	190
R-21 (Dichlorofluoromethane)	HCFC-21	210
Nitrous Oxide	N ₂ O	296
HFC-143, 1,1,2-Trifluoroethane	HFC-143	330
Methyl perfluoroisopropyl ether	(CF ₃) ₂ CFOCH ₃	330
Bromodifluoromethane	CHBrF ₂	470
R-32 (HFC-32, Difluoromethane)	HFC-32	550
R-124 (HCFC-124, 2-Chloro-1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane)	HCFC-124	620
R-141b (HCFC-141b, 1,1-Dichloro-1-fluoroethane)	HCFC-141b	700
HFE-143a	HFE-143a	750
HFC-134, 1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoroethane	HFC-134	1,100
R-12B1 (Difluorochlorobromomethane, Halo 1211)	Halon-1211	1,300
R-134a (HFC-134a, 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane)	HFC-134a	1,300
R-22 (Chlorodifluoromethane)	HCFC-22	1,700

¹³ Source: *Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis*. Contribution of Working Group I to the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC 2001.

TABLE 1 (cont.): Known Greenhouse Gases and Global Warming Potential¹⁴

Pollutant Name	Chemical Formula	GWP Relative to CO ₂ (100 year horizon)
Carbon Tetrachloride	CCl ₄	1,800
R-142b (HCFC-142b, 1-Chloro-1,1-difluoroethane)	HCFC-142b	2,400
R-125 (HFC-125, Fc-125, Pentafluoroethane)	HFC-125	3,400
R-143a (HFC-143a, 1,1,1-Trifluoroethane)	HFC-143a	4,300
R-11 (Trichlorofluoromethane)	CFC-11	4,600
R-14 (Carbon Tetrafluoride)	CF ₄	5,700
R-113 (1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane)	CFC-113	6,000
R-E134 (HFE-134, 1,1,1',1'-Tetrafluorodimethyl ether)	HFE-134	6,100
R-13B1 (Trifluorobromomethane, Halo 1301)	CBrF ₃	6,900
R-115 (Chloropentafluoroethane)	CFC-115	7,200
C ₃ F ₈ (Perfluoropropane)	C ₃ F ₈	8,600
C ₄ F ₁₀ (Perfluoro-n-Butane)	C ₄ F ₁₀	8,600
C ₅ F ₁₂ (Perfluoropentane)	C ₅ F ₁₂	8,900
C ₆ F ₁₄ (Perfluorohexane)	C ₆ F ₁₄	9,000
R-114 (Freon 114, 1,2-Dichlorotetrafluoroethane)	CFC-114	9,800
R-C318 (Freon 318, Octafluorocyclobutane)	C-C ₄ F ₈	10,000
R-12 (Freon 12, Dichlorodifluoromethane)	CFC-12	10,600
Nitrogen Trifluoride; Trifluoramine	NF ₃	10,800
R-116 (Perfluoroethane; Hexafluoroethane)	C ₂ F ₆	11,900
R-23 (HFC-23, Trifluoromethane)	HFC-23	12,000
R-13 (Chlorotrifluoromethane)	CFC-13	14,000
R-E125 (HFE-125, Pentafluorodimethyl ether)	HFE-125	14,900
Sulfur Hexafluoride	SF ₆	22,200

¹⁴ Source: *Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis*. Contribution of Working Group I to the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC 2001.



THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Thresholds

Section 15382 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines defines a significant impact as,

“... a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.”

Senate Bill 97 (2007) set a January 1, 2010, deadline for new CEQA guidelines related to greenhouse gas emissions analysis and mitigation.¹⁵ The new guidelines will require GHG emissions and their effects to be analyzed based on scientific and factual data.¹⁶ The new guidelines do not require CEQA to establish fixed thresholds of significance, rather they serve to update the procedural language of Section 15064(a) leaving individual significance criteria to local agencies.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32)

The California State Legislature, operating under the assumption that anthropogenic global warming is a genuine phenomenon, and that atmospheric carbon dioxide is the most significant contributor to this phenomenon, passed the *California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006* (AB 32). AB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop regulations and market mechanisms that will ultimately reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020. Mandatory caps will begin in 2012 for significant sources, and will incrementally become stricter to meet the 2020 goals.

Specifically, AB 32 requires CARB to:

- 1) Establish a statewide greenhouse gas emissions cap for 2020, based on 1990 emissions by January 1, 2008.
- 2) Adopt mandatory reporting rules for significant sources of greenhouse gases by January 1, 2009.
- 3) Adopt a plan by January 1, 2009 indicating how emission reductions will be achieved from significant greenhouse gas sources via regulations, market mechanisms and other actions.
- 4) Adopt regulations by January 1, 2011 to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas, including provisions for using both market mechanisms and alternative compliance mechanisms.

¹⁵ An act to add Section 21083.05 to, and to add and repeal Section 21097 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to the California Environmental Quality Act.

¹⁶ This is consistent with all past and present ISE Greenhouse Gas / Global Warming Risk Assessments.

- 5) Convene an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and an Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee to advise CARB.
- 6) Ensure public notice and opportunity for comment for all CARB actions.
- 7) Prior to imposing any mandates or authorizing market mechanisms, CARB must evaluate several factors, including but not limited to, impacts on California's economy, the environment and public health; equity between regulated entities; electricity reliability; conformance with other environmental laws; and that the rules do not disproportionately impact low-income communities.

For the purposes of analysis within this report (and to be completely consistent with AB 32), it will be sought to; 1) quantify the aggregate greenhouse gas emissions due to the proposed project action, and, 2) quantify the net heating effect within the State of California.

CAPCOA Recommended CO_{2e} Screening Levels

The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and CARB currently publish CO_{2e} screening levels for use in CEQA reporting. This screening level, set at 900 metric tons (i.e., 900 MT or 900,000 kilograms or 1,984,160 pounds) of CO_{2e} per year is 'recommended' for all new projects within the State of California for compliance with the intent of AB 32 as compared to 'business as usual'.¹⁷

ISE utilizes the CAPCOA screening level for simple policy guidance purposes within the context of this report. Operational levels (or in this case construction worker trips) due to a proposed project action above the 900 MT screening value will be subject to additional recommendations for compliance per AB 32.

¹⁷ The CAPCOA whitepaper entitled, "CEQA & Climate Change – Evaluating and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Projects Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, January 2008" is very clear in its prefacing disclaimer that the proposed 900 MT screening level is not to be used for CEQA impact determination purposes. As stated in the document, "...This paper is intended as a resource, not a guidance document. It is not intended, and should not be interpreted, to dictate the manner in which an air district or lead agency chooses to address greenhouse gas emissions in the context of its review of projects under CEQA." It should further be noted that the CAPCOA isn't based upon any scientific analysis or rule-of-thumb, it is simply a screening level agreed to by various agencies within the State.



ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

Greenhouse Gas Compilation Approach

Diesel Powered (Compression Ignition) Equipment Contribution

Greenhouse gas emissions associated with diesel engine combustion from construction equipment will be assumed to occur for engines running at the correct fuel to air ratios.¹⁸ Of principal interest are the emission factors for CO₂ and NO_x.¹⁹ For a four-stroke diesel-cycle engine, the combustion byproducts are approximately 1.5-percent-by-volume O₂, 0.5-percent-by-volume CO, and 13.5-percent-by-volume CO₂.²⁰ Thus, the ratio of CO₂ to CO production in a properly mixed diesel stroke would be 13.5/0.5 or 27:1.

Construction Worker Motor Vehicle (Spark Ignition) Contribution

CARB estimates on-road motor vehicle emissions by using a series of models called the *Motor Vehicle Emission Inventory* (MVEI) Models. The four computer models, which form the MVEI, are *CALIMFAC*, *WEIGHT*, *EMFAC*, and *BURDEN*.²¹ For the current analysis, the *EMFAC 2007 Model v2.3* of the MVEI²² was run using input conditions specific to the San Diego air basin to predict vehicle emissions based upon a worst-case year 2012 project initiation date.²³ The aggregate greenhouse emission factors from the CARB *EMFAC 2007* model are provided as an attachment to this report. Of principal interest are the emission factors for CO₂ and NO_x.

A mix ratio consistent with the Caltrans ITS Transportation Project-Level Carbon Monoxide Protocol was used. This consisted of the following air standard Otto-Cycle engine vehicle distribution percentages: Light Duty Autos (LDA) = 69.0%, Light Duty Trucks (LDT) = 19.4%, Medium Duty Trucks (MDT) = 6.4%, Heavy Duty Trucks (HDT) = 4.7%, Buses (UBUS) = 0.0% and Motorcycles (MCY) = 0.5%.

¹⁸ The ratio whereby complete combustion of the diesel fuel occurs.

¹⁹ It will be assumed that the project would generate trace-, if not negligible-, levels of methane (CH₄), ozone (O₃), fluorine (F₂), chlorine (Cl₂), bromine (Br₂) and/or constituent compounds. NO_x emissions are stoichiometrically composed of roughly 30-percent nitrous oxide (N₂O) by volume and 70-percent nitric oxide (NO), which is the free radical form that immediately combines with ozone (O₃) to form nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) more commonly known as *smog*.

²⁰ Source: Holtz, J.C., Elliott, M.A., *The Significance of Diesel-Exhaust-Gas Analysis, Transactions of the ASME, Vol. 63, February 1941*.

²¹ CALIMFAC produces base emission rates for each model year when a vehicle is new, and as it accumulates mileage and the emission controls deteriorate. WEIGHT calculates the relative weighting each model year should be given in the total inventory, and each model year's accumulated mileage. EMFAC uses these pieces of information, along with the correction factors and other data, to produce fleet composite emission factors. BURDEN combines the emission factors with county-specific activity data to produce to emission inventories.

²² This is the most current CARB vehicle emissions model approved for use within the State of California. Any subsidiary program (such as the previously discussed *URBEMIS* program) uses this model to determine the applicable vehicle emission factors.

²³ This is a worst-case assumption, since implementation of cleaner vehicle controls ultimately reduces emissions under future year conditions. By applying near-term emission factors to the complete project, an upper bound on project-related emissions is obtained.

Projected Greenhouse Gas Emissions Budget and Warming Effects Analysis

To address the net greenhouse gas emissions and perceived global warming potential of the project per AB 32, the entire State of California will be modeled as a thermodynamically closed system, subject only to increasing CO₂ concentrations and their equivalents (denoted as CO_{2e}).²⁴ This approach creates a type of *Urban Heat Island* dependant only on CO_{2e}, whereby the effective temperature increase on the State due to the proposed project action can be quantified using the exact methodology identified in the U.N.'s Third Assessment Report of the IPCC.²⁵

The analysis presented herein is consistent and in accordance with the *First Law of Thermodynamics* and the intent of AB 32.²⁶ Mitigation measures consistent with the State of California's policy implementation of AB 32 will be provided at the end of the report.



FINDINGS

Greenhouse Gas Emission Tabulation

Diesel Powered (Compression Ignition) Equipment Contribution

The Tule Wind Project would utilize a worst-case contingency of equipment required to grade and prepare the site for a period of 576-days (i.e., a total of 192-days per each of the following phases: rough grading / tower pad work, underground utility construction / tower foundation work, and actual tower construction / finish work).²⁷ Previous analysis of the required equipment and subsequent emissions budget has been examined within the project's *Air Quality Conformity Assessment*.²⁸ The pertinent findings are shown below, in Table 2.

²⁴ Since the California legislature's concern about the possible contribution of human activities to global warming was the impetus for the AB-32 legislation, and since this bill incorporates statewide reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to attempt to combat this potential issue, thorough discussions of both greenhouse gas emissions and global warming risk potential must be included in any complete report on the subject.

²⁵ An Urban Heat Island (or UHI) is a developed area that is significantly warmer than its undeveloped surroundings. The temperature difference usually is larger at night than during the day, and larger in winter than in summer, due to the re-radiation of solar energy by paved surfaces and buildings, and waste heat generated by energy usage and building heating and cooling. Water vapor will be completely ignored from the analysis (as is done in the United Nations source document).

²⁶ Simply expressed, the *First Law of Thermodynamics* states that for any thermodynamic system, the sum of the heat 'h' contained within the system (or that it receives), plus the work 'w' that the system is capable of (or receives) is equal to the total internal energy 'E' of the system. The first law of thermodynamics basically states that a thermodynamic system can store energy in two different forms (namely heat and/or work) and that this internal energy is conserved.

²⁷ The analysis of GHG emissions, unlike air quality conformity, which is a 'per day' threshold, is an aggregate quantity requiring summation over the total estimated number of work days (i.e., the total number of days that any construction grading vehicle would have an engine running).

²⁸ Source: *Air Quality Conformity Assessment – Tule Wind Project – Boulevard, CA, ISE Project #10-001, Investigative Science and Engineering, Inc., 9/14/10 (Revised).*

TABLE 2: Construction Vehicle GHG Emission Levels – Tule Wind Project (Tier 0)

Construction Phase	Equipment Classification	Construction Vehicle Emission Levels (in pounds)			
		(Per day from AQIA Report)		(Total Over Construction Period)	
		CO	NO _x	CO ₂ = 27·CO	N ₂ O = 0.3·NO _x
Rough Grading / Tower Base Work					
	Dozer - D6 Cat	22.5	33.0	116,640.0	1,900.8
	Dozer - D8 Cat	21.6	55.2	111,974.4	3,179.5
	Loader/Trencher	18.0	26.4	93,312.0	1,520.6
	Water Truck	4.8	16.8	24,883.2	967.7
	Mini Excavator	1.1	2.4	5,702.4	138.2
	Dump/Haul & Drills	5.8	20.2	30,067.2	1,163.5
	Scraper	14.9	25.7	77,241.6	1,480.3
Underground Utility Construction					
	Track Backhoe	13.5	19.8	69,984.0	1,140.5
	Dozer - D4 Cat	18.0	26.4	93,312.0	1,520.6
	Loader	6.8	9.9	35,251.2	570.2
	Water Truck	2.4	8.4	12,441.6	483.8
	Concrete Truck	3.0	10.5	15,552.0	604.8
	Dump/Haul Trucks	6.5	22.7	33,696.0	1,307.5
Tower Construction / Finish Work					
	Skid Steer Cat	6.8	9.9	35,251.2	570.2
	Hydraulic Crane	1.8	4.6	9,331.2	265.0
	Water Truck	2.4	8.4	12,441.6	483.8
	Welding Rig	1.1	1.8	5,702.4	103.7
	Dump/Haul Trucks	2.4	8.5	12,441.6	489.6
	Paver/Compactor	2.9	9.7	15,033.6	558.7
	Roller	2.9	8.4	15,033.6	483.8
SUM (Σ):				825,292.8	18,932.8

Since N₂O has a GWP of 296 with respect to CO₂, this result can be expressed as an *equivalent* CO₂ level (sometimes denoted as CO_{2e}) of 5,604,108.8 pounds. Thus, the final equivalent CO₂ GHG load due to the project would be the summation of this value and the direct CO₂ production shown in Table 2, or 6,429,401.6 pounds CO_{2e}, during construction activities.

Construction Worker Motor Vehicle (Spark Ignition) Contribution

Motor vehicles are the primary source of greenhouse gas emissions associated with worker construction activities. The aggregate project emission levels are shown below, in Table 3. The proposed project site is expected to have a total construction worker trip generation level of 1,250 ADT.²⁹ The average vehicle trip length would be 30 miles, with a median running speed of 45 MPH.

TABLE 3: Construction Worker Vehicle GHG Levels – Tule Wind Project

Vehicle Classification	Trip ADT	Total Emissions (pounds per day)	
		CO ₂	N ₂ O
Light Duty Autos (LDA)	863	16,299.0	4.3
Light Duty Trucks (LDT)	243	5,735.5	1.9
Medium Duty Trucks (MDT)	80	2,566.6	1.3
Heavy Duty Trucks (HDT)	59	5,439.9	10.4
Buses (UBUS)	0	0.0	0.0
Motorcycles (MCY)	6	52.0	0.2
Total (Σ):	1,250	30,093.1	18.0

Again, since N₂O has a GWP of 296 with respect to CO₂, the *equivalent* CO_{2e} level would be 5,328.0 pounds for N₂O. The final equivalent daily CO_{2e} load due to vehicular traffic would be 35,421.1 pounds.

Projected Project Greenhouse Gas Emissions Budget

The projected greenhouse gas emission budget for the proposed project would be the summation of the individual sources identified under the previous section. Thus, the total budget would equate to the following levels shown in Table 4, below.

TABLE 4: GHG Emission Budget for Tule Wind Project

Project Scenario	CO _{2e}	Total Project Emissions in Pounds per ...
Construction Operations	6,429,401.6	... total construction period
Construction Vehicle Emissions	35,421.1	... day

²⁹ Source: *Full Traffic Impact Study – Tule Wind Farm, LLG, Inc., 3/26/10.*



The total aggregate construction GHG emissions would be 6,429,401.6 pounds CO_{2e}. The total construction vehicle GHG emissions would be 35,421.1 pounds of equivalent CO_{2e} per day. Thus, the total emissions would be expressed as 6,429,401.6 + 35,421.1/day pounds of CO_{2e}. The total time duration would be at least two years, which is consistent with the proposed construction plan.

The vehicular CO_{2e} level would be approximately 6.5 times greater than the CAPCOA 900 MT screening level due to project operation. It will be noted shortly, however, that the proposed project is nonetheless consistent with the intent of AB 32 due to its nature.

Projected Warming Effects Due to Project Equivalent CO_{2e}

Finally, since AB 32 is formally known as the *California Global Warming Solutions Act*, it is of scientific interest to identify the level of warming predicted by construction and operation of the proposed project action and its effect on the State of California in terms of theoretical heating and the time for the project to manifest as any appreciable climate change according the U.N.'s Third Assessment Report of the IPCC.³⁰

Given this, the proposed Tule Wind Project would contribute a construction vehicular total of 35,421.1 pounds of CO_{2e} per day. Assuming all CO_{2e} mixing occurs within the Troposphere³¹, the thermodynamic system consisting of the boundaries of the State of California would have a volume³² of,

$$V_{\text{system California}} = 104,765,440 \text{ acres} \times \frac{43,560 \text{ sq-ft}}{\text{acre}} \times 37,000 \text{ ft} = 1.6884 \times 10^{17} \text{ ft}^3$$

Since one part-per-million-by-volume (ppmv) of CO₂ equals 1.12315x10⁻⁷ pounds-per-cubic-foot at *Standard Temperature and Pressure* (STP), the daily increase in CO_{2e} concentration due to the proposed project action within the State of California would be,

$$\text{CO}_{\text{ConcSystem}} = \frac{35,421.1 \text{ pounds}}{1.6884 \times 10^{17} \text{ ft}^3} \times \frac{1 \text{ ppmv CO}_2}{1.12315 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{pounds}}{\text{ft}^3} @\text{STP}} = 1.87 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ppmv/day}$$

³⁰ This is, of course, the entire point behind the legislative mandate of AB 32, namely to reduce the global warming effects produced by the State of California.

³¹ The troposphere is the lowest portion of Earth's atmosphere and contains approximately 75% of the atmospheric mass of the planet and almost all of its water vapor and GHG's. The average depth of the troposphere is approximately seven miles (~37,000 feet). For the purposes of analysis we will assume that all mixing occurs at sea level (which produces the greatest atmospheric concentrations and subsequent radiative forcing).

³² The area within the State of California is approximately 163,696 square miles (104,765,440 acres) which, when multiplied by the height of the tropopause, roughly equates to 1.6884x10¹⁷ ft³. This is also the jurisdictional boundary of AB 32.



This equates to a 0.00000187 ppmv/day CO_{2e} increase within our tropospheric system bounded by the land mass limits of the State of California. Given this, the yearly concentration increase in CO_{2e} due to the proposed project action would be 0.0006817 ppmv/year. Substituting the previously cited construction total from above, it can similarly be shown that the aggregate concentration due to the totality of construction would be 0.00033903 ppmv to our system.

Thus, we can rewrite our CO_{2e} forcing function in terms of the number of elapsed years (Δyr) from the start of construction of the project as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Conc. } CO_{2e/yr} &= 0.00033903 \text{ ppmv} + 0.0006817 \text{ ppmv/yr} \\ &= 0.00033903 + 0.0006817(\Delta yr) \text{ (in ppmv)} \end{aligned}$$

The net change in radiative forcing due to a change in CO_{2e} is defined within the IPCC report³³ as,

$$\Delta F = \alpha \text{Ln} \left(\frac{C}{C_0} \right)$$

where, ΔF is the change in the radiative forcing (in W/m²),
α is the atmospheric forcing coefficient = 5.35,³⁴
C is the baseline plus project CO₂ and CO_{2e} concentrations (in ppmv), and,
C₀ is the baseline CO₂ concentration (commonly taken as 380 ppmv).

Furthermore, surface air temperature sensitivity factors cited by the IPCC have a global average of approximately 0.1 °C/W/m². Thus, the net yearly increase in temperature for the first year of operation due to the proposed project CO_{2e} emissions would be,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T_{\text{Project}(year=1)} &= 0.1 \frac{^{\circ}\text{C}}{\text{W/m}^2} \times 5.35 \text{Ln} \left(\frac{380 + 0.00033903 + 0.0006817(\Delta yr)}{380} \right) \text{W/m}^2 \\ &= 0.1 \frac{^{\circ}\text{C}}{\text{W/m}^2} \times 5.35 \text{Ln} \left(\frac{380 + 0.00033903 + 0.0006817(1)}{380} \right) \text{W/m}^2 \\ &= 3.7730 \times 10^{-7} \text{ } ^{\circ}\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

³³ Source: *Third Assessment Report of Working Group I* of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 2001.

³⁴Based on carbon dioxide contributing approximately 32 watts per square-meter (W/m²) of long-wave radiative forcing to the climate system under a clear-sky condition, out of a total of 125 watts per square-meter for all atmospheric gases under the same conditions. The total radiative forcing from the Sun as of 1997 was 342 W/m².

Since the proposed Tule Wind Project would produce worker vehicle trips for the estimated two active years of construction, and possibly a third year for finalization of the project, the resultant worst-case temperature increase to the State of California would be,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta T_{\text{Project}(year=1)} &= 0.1 \frac{^{\circ}\text{C}}{\text{W}/\text{m}^2} \times 5.35 \text{Ln} \left(\frac{380 + 0.00033903 + 0.0006817(3)}{380} \right) \text{W}/\text{m}^2 \\ &= 3.3567 \times 10^{-6} \text{ } ^{\circ}\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, remembering that the above expression is logarithmic in nature, one could iterate the above solution to determine the time required for the Tule Wind Project to increase the temperature within the State of California one degree Centigrade under the worst-case closed-system condition and perpetual traffic levels equal to the construction averages. This one-degree-Centigrade increase due to the proposed project under consideration would occur in approximately 3,058,390 years.³⁵



CONCLUSIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Project-Related Greenhouse Gas Budget / Global Warming Potential

The proposed Tule Wind Project site was shown to produce an aggregate equivalent greenhouse gas loading of 6429401.6 + 35421.1/day pounds of CO_{2e}. The local annual warming effect due to this level of project emissions was found to be 3.3567x10⁻⁶ °C, which would be deemed as cumulatively considerable and mitigable under CEQA. The net contribution to planet Earth as a whole would be deemed insignificant.³⁶

Compliance with AB 32 CO₂ Reduction Strategies

Since the project provides a clean inexhaustible source of electricity that reduces the dependence of the State of California on imports of natural gas, oil, and other fuels, it is, by definition consistent with the intent of AB 32 and the California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program. The near term and future benefits of the project far outweigh any air pollution and global warming required for its construction. As a result, no additional compliance measures under AB 32 are required.

³⁵ The one-degree Centigrade point is the current threshold discussed in the scientific literature whereby a perceivable change in the affected environment is expected. As can be seen, the proposed project would produce an extremely small, but measurable change in the affected environment following the IPCC's scientific model.

³⁶ Ninety-percent (90%) of the atmosphere of the planet Earth resides within 16 kilometers (16,000 meters) of the surface. Thus, the volume of the atmosphere is roughly 8.2x10⁹ km³ (8.2x10¹⁸ m³ or 2.9x10²⁰ ft³). The mass of the atmosphere is roughly 5.3x10²¹ grams or 1.17x10¹⁹ pounds. Although the project's contribution is mathematically a finite number, it is also asymptotically driven to zero in its bounded limit. Thus, the net temperature contribution of the proposed project to the planet as a whole is physically zero, and in fact could not even be directly measured using modern scientific instrumentation.



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APPENDICES / SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

EMFAC 2007 EMISSION FACTOR TABULATIONS – SCENARIO YEAR 2012

Title : San Diego County Subarea Winter CYr 2012
 Version : Emfac2007 V2.3 Nov 1 2006
 Run Date : 2010/02/16 17:39:27
 Scen Year: 2012 -- All model years in the range 1968 to 2012 selected
 Season : Winter
 Area : San Diego

 Year: 2012 -- Model Years 1968 to 2012 Inclusive -- Winter
 Emfac2007 Emission Factors: V2.3 Nov 1 2006

County Average San Diego County Average

Table 1: Running Exhaust Emissions (grams/mile)

Pollutant Name: Oxides of Nitrogen Temperature: 50F Relative Humidity: 40%

Speed MPH	LDA	LDT	MDT	HDT	UBUS	MCY	ALL
10	0.391	0.616	1.095	15.228	23.752	1.320	1.162
15	0.348	0.542	0.973	11.723	19.230	1.321	0.960
20	0.316	0.488	0.888	10.139	16.369	1.333	0.851
25	0.292	0.448	0.831	9.557	14.638	1.353	0.795
30	0.274	0.420	0.795	9.148	13.742	1.381	0.756
35	0.263	0.402	0.779	8.899	13.534	1.415	0.733
40	0.256	0.392	0.779	8.809	13.978	1.456	0.724
45	0.253	0.391	0.796	8.884	15.139	1.504	0.729
50	0.255	0.397	0.833	9.140	17.200	1.558	0.750
55	0.262	0.411	0.891	9.610	20.512	1.618	0.788
60	0.273	0.435	0.977	10.343	25.694	1.687	0.848
65	0.290	0.471	1.102	11.419	33.832	1.765	0.938

Pollutant Name: Carbon Dioxide Temperature: 50F Relative Humidity: 40%

Speed MPH	LDA	LDT	MDT	HDT	UBUS	MCY	ALL
10	715.721	891.565	1248.004	2301.762	2476.251	209.611	899.142
15	561.473	700.022	965.645	1947.099	2379.933	180.835	710.043
20	457.167	570.499	779.688	1700.690	2321.286	159.834	582.541
25	386.346	482.554	656.013	1601.083	2284.838	144.745	498.877
30	338.862	423.590	574.421	1524.761	2262.131	134.357	442.584
35	308.464	385.843	522.858	1467.236	2248.467	127.929	406.305
40	291.417	364.674	494.303	1426.052	2241.275	125.090	385.672
45	285.724	357.605	485.087	1400.000	2239.289	125.795	378.368
50	290.736	363.829	494.072	1388.756	2242.172	130.345	383.653
55	307.025	384.056	522.410	1392.791	2250.415	139.466	402.213
60	336.494	420.649	573.795	1413.505	2265.484	154.471	436.304
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