

# BLM Authorized Officer Weekly Report

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## Weekly Project Update

**Project:** Desert Sunlight Solar Farm

**Week Ending on:** September 24, 2011

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## Executive Summary of Current Issues

### **The following construction activities were observed onsite:**

The construction conducted for this period consisted of clearing and grading the Move-On Area, continued installation of project fencing by Soil Tech, installation of the long-term water storage pond by Buesing, and installation of solar panel posts by CLP. Biologists continued to survey project areas and conducted tracking and health assessment surveys. All tortoises encountered on site were tracked using transmitters. Dust control continued to be an issue of concern, although Jose Merlan, the on-site dust monitor was actively communicating any issues with First Solar as they arose.

Cultural, biological, dust, UXO/MEC, and compliance monitoring was conducted by on-site representatives during this period, and reported no significant compliance issues not previously mentioned above.

Rattlesnakes, heat-associated dangers (high temperatures ranging from 95 to 105), off-site project-related vehicle safety, and heavy equipment safety procedures are the ongoing safety concerns.

## BLM Authorized Officer NOTE:

- All safety, compliance conditions, and WEAP levels were adhered to and acceptable.



## Plan Review Submittal Items

### 1. Inspection

Submittal Type	Description
Received, Review Pending	None
Reviewed and Approved / Conditionally Approved	None
Reviewed and Correction List Issues	None

### 2. General Activities Occurring at the Project Site

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#### Completion Percentage of Overall Construction

WEEK Ending On	PERIOD OF PROJECTION	% COMPLETE (PROJECTED)	% COMPLETE (UPDATED) -
08/19/2011	Three Weeks	0.1	0.1
08/26/2011	Three Weeks	0.1	0.1
09/02/2011	Three Weeks	0.1	0.1
09/10/2011	Three Weeks	0.1	0.1
09/17/2011	Three Weeks	0.1	0.1
09/24/2011	Three Weeks	0.1	0.1

### 3. Issues of Concern with or by the Applicant

None

### 4. Compliance Issues with Applicable LORS and Applicable Conditions of Certification (e.g., areas out of compliance, interpretational disagreements, etc.)

None

### 5. Status of Interconnections (e.g., Fuel Gas, Water Connections, Electricity to Grid, etc.)

Not applicable

### 6. Scheduled Activities for Next Week

Continue site preparation.

### 7. Potential Delays to the Online Date of the Project

None

### 8. Project Photographs from Week

See below.





Photograph of overfull dumpster within the Move-On Area



Photograph of uncontained fuel storage container and generator near well drilling setup



Construction of long-term pond near the boundary of the Move-On Area and Area A



Temporary trailers within the Move-On Area