

ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

Name: Santan Expansion Project (SEP)

EG-5

Entity Proposing Project: Salt River Project

Category of Project: Electricity Generation

Brief description of project: 825-megawatt natural gas combined-cycle generating facility to provide electricity for up to 200,000 homes; designed to achieve lowest emission rate and to provide net air quality benefit to Phoenix's southeast valley

Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:

Federal: Bureau of Reclamation
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Environmental Protection Agency
Corps of Engineers
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Forest Service

State: Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC)
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Local: Maricopa County Department of Environmental Services

Tribal: Gila River Indian Reservation

Project Timeline:

Certificate of Environmental Capability for SEP approved by ACC – April 2001

Expected in-service date – Spring 2005

Reason for bringing project to the task force's attention:

- Consistent Interpretation of Air Quality Permitting Requirements (re: New Source)
- Applicability of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in States Which Don't Have Primacy for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program
- Consistent Guidance and Interpretation by Federal Land Managers (FLM)
- Positive Experience Permitting the SRP Kyrene Expansion Project
- Suggestion: Develop specific regulations and technical guidance on how to assess visibility and air quality related values in Class 1 areas