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Sent via email only

December 10, 2021

Rebecca Hollis
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Re: Evaluation of Updated Permit Application
MCNEP's Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit Application
Class VI Pre-Construction Permit Application No. R9UIC-CA6-FY20-1

Dear Ms. Hollis:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) has reviewed the Mendota Carbon Negative Energy Project ProjectCo LLC (MCNEP, formerly Clean Energy Systems, or CES) updated permit application dated September 22, 2021. Based on our evaluation, MCNEP incorporated all clarifications and updated figures, tables, etc. that were provided in response to EPA's August 2021 Request for Additional Information into the updated application and attachments as requested, except those few noted in the Enclosure.

Please address the follow-up requests in the Enclosure by January 10, 2022 and submit revised application attachments in the appropriate GSDT modules (e.g., ProjInfo, AoRModeling, ProjPlan, etc). If you have any questions about this letter and the Enclosure, please contact me at (415) 972-3971 or call Calvin Ho at (415) 972-3262.

Sincerely,

DAVID ALBRIGHT

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David Albright
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Enclosure

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