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Summary	<p>The federal government plans to hold public meetings in six western states, including California, to analyze the feasibility of solar energy development on public lands. Along with the California Energy Commission, State agencies, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the goals are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather public input on the environmental, social and economic impacts of solar power plants; • Review applications for solar thermal plants 50 megawatts, and larger, on BLM-managed lands in California; • Complete a joint Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) with the DOE that will help balance the demand for renewable energy resources and maintain desert land as wildlife habitat; • Adopt measures, as a result of the PEIS, that will provide consistency and certainty for solar energy development and help expedite environmental analysis for site specific projects in the future. <p>California has goals of producing 20 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2010 and, 33 percent by 2020, with minimal environmental impact.</p>
Key Findings	N/A
Recommendations	N/A
Definition of "Green"	The use of solar energy, as an alternative energy source, which is emission-free and can be converted directly into useable electrical energy.
Methodology	Public meetings to gather public input on the environmental, social and economic impacts of solar plants, and review of applications for solar thermal plants on BLM-managed lands in California.
Data Sources Cited	California Energy Commission, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Energy.
Report Geography	Western states – California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah
Green Occupations Cited	N/A
Green Industries Cited	Solar Power plants, Solar Thermal plants.
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