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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

New Energy Equity (NEE) is committed to the safety and health of all of our workers and contract personnel, and visitors to our sites and work locations. Our continuing objective to provide safe work conditions and practices at all our work locations is our highest priority. We acknowledge the right all workers have to a safe and healthy work environment.

Since each emergency is unique, it is impossible to envision every potential event or combination of events that might contribute to, or result in, an emergency. This Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is based on an all-hazards approach that provides the flexibility to adapt to emergency regardless of the origin. This plan provides both a management and operational structure that identifies the functional relationship that must exist to ensure effective identification, response, and recovery from an emergency. Good judgment and common sense are critical in effective responses to emergency situations.

SECTION 2: OBJECTIVE

The objective of the ERP is to detail practices designed to address potential impacts from construction and operations of s NEE community solar garden project. (Project). This ERP plan provides guidance to construction, operations, contractors, and field personal on measures to minimize effects during construction and operations activities associated with the Project.

This ERP is to assist employees, sub-contractors, contractors, suppliers, and management in making quality decisions during times of crisis. This plan contains guidance in determining the appropriate actions to be undertaken to prevent injury and property loss from the occurrence of major incidents or accidents. This document acts as a guideline in the event of an emergency. The steps described may not occur in the same order, good judgment and common sense are critical for effective emergency response.

The ERP is intended to minimize hazards to human health and safety and to the environment from fire, explosion, or any unexpected sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous materials constituents to the air, soil, surface, or groundwater, and natural or human disasters. This plan will serve as the emergency action guide for employees, contractors, and visitors in the event of an emergency.

Section 2.1 Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

The following text includes standard language included in NEE contracts regarding emergency response. These measures may be modified in the final POD to include measures specifically designed for the project.

NOTICE: This attachment is intended to be an overview of NEE's or contractors' emergency response requirements and is not intended to be a comprehensive or exhaustive list.

This attachment is not intended to supersede or replace Contractor's obligations to comply with (and ensure Contractor Representatives comply with) all applicable laws, all reasonable directions and orders given by representatives of NEE RE, and all other guidelines, rules, and procedures of NEE that may be

given to Contractor from time to time, including without limitation, safety and health standards, policies, and procedures resulting from a pre-job risk assessment, amendments by NEE RE, or amendments resulting from changes in applicable laws.

SECTION 3: SETTING AND SITE ACCESS INCLUDING EMERGENCY ACCESS

Direct access to the site will be provided by Third Avenue. There would be no need for internal access roads within the project site. The access would be constructed to allow fire and maintenance vehicle access.

SECTION 4: EMERGENCY RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

Section 4.1 Regulatory Compliance

NEE and contractors will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local emergency response laws, regulations, and standards. NEE and contractors using good judgment, common sense, experience, and knowledge will identify such additional emergency response preparation as may be required to be performed safely.

Section 4.2 Emergency Coordinator

Before on-site services begin, NEE will ensure contractor(s) assign a designated emergency response coordinator, qualified by experience and/or education, is assigned for all services taking place. This person will be dedicated to managing the implementation of the emergency response plan, emergency response and may have additional project functions provided they do not interfere with the effective implementation of the program.

Section 4.3 Competent and Qualified Persons

NEE will ensure contractor(s) employ a “competent person” and/or “qualified person” capable of carrying out an effective emergency response preparation plan. Such person(s) will have the authority to take prompt corrective actions. Contractor(s) will provide NEE with the name and contact information of the assigned person(s) and/or any changes in the assignment.

Section 4.4 Fire Safety Plan (FSP)

NEE will ensure contractor(s) develop a Fire Safety Plan (FSP) that describes how the contractor will safely provide contractor’s services. Content of the plan will address regulatory compliance and any additional health and safety measures as may be required for the contractor’s services to be performed safely. A copy of the contractor’s FSP will be provided to NEE prior to the start of on-site work.

Section 4.5 Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

Contractor(s) will develop a written final Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local emergency response regulations and standards. Contractor(s) will include the Emergency Response Plan in contractor’s Project Safety Plan. Contractor(s) will train all contractor representatives on the provisions of the Emergency Response Plan.

The final ERP would be specific to the final site layout and location of site components and implemented to provide an integrated procedure for response to oil and hazardous materials spills, plant evacuation, medical/fire/law enforcement, and severe weather emergencies. The final ERP would be

consistent with applicable laws and regulations governing such emergencies.

Section 4.6 Health and Safety Program

Health and Safety Training is an important part of the final ERP. To ensure the instructions contained within the final ERP are properly followed during site/facility emergencies, a training program is to be developed and training provided to all employees, upon hire and after any changes in site/facility operations or layout. All staff to intervene in emergency situations that could affect their health or safety must receive training before undertaking their duties. The training must include exercises appropriate to the work site that simulate the potential emergencies identified in the final ERP.

Section 4.6 Fire Prevention

Listed below are specific procedures that shall be addressed by the site to minimize the occurrence of and impact from a fire emergency. Fire prevention is the responsibility of all personnel. Employees should follow safe practices to minimize fire hazards, and supervisors must ensure safe practices are followed daily.

- Contractor(s) will include the Fire Safety Plan (FSP) in contractor's ERP. Contractor(s) will train all contractor representatives on the provisions of the FSP. The FSP would be consistent with applicable laws and regulations governing such emergencies.
- All fire protection equipment will be inspected monthly by the Emergency Coordinator. All areas at each site/facility will be inspected monthly to check for unsafe conditions, such as blocked or locked fire exits, poor housekeeping, smoking in non-designated areas, flammable/combustible materials not stored properly and obstructed access to electrical rooms and panels, etc.
- The Project operator and or EPC contractor shall present basic fire-prevention training to all personnel working at the project site, and shall maintain documentation of all training and implement the following:
- All employees, contractors, and employees of contractors to do everything reasonable within their power, expertise, and assessment of human safety both independently and upon request of the County and the local fire department to prevent and suppress fires resulting from Project construction or maintenance activities on the lands to be occupied under this permit. In case of fire suppressed by the operator, the operator will report its occurrence to the County and the local fire department. The operator is responsible for all suppression costs and resource damage rehabilitation costs resulting from the suppression of any fire resulting from its operations and practices.
- The operator is responsible to ensure that each employee, subcontractor, or any other individual or company working on the project site is aware of the provisions of this fire plan, is familiar with the location and proper use of firefighting equipment and conducts themselves in a fire-safe manner.
- No material will be disposed of by burning in open fires.

- Exhaust systems of vehicles will have an acceptable muffler and will be in proper working condition. All motorized equipment and machinery will be equipped with spark arresters.
 - Vehicles will be parked only in cleared areas.
 - All smoking will be done only inside of vehicles or in areas cleared of flammable material.
 - Fuels and flammable materials, if required, will be stored in accordance with the Hazardous Materials Plan and in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws.
 - The proposed solar plant site shall be equipped with fire extinguishers and other equipment sufficient to extinguish small fires.
 - Welding operations are subject to the following additional provisions
 - There will be no welding when winds are over 15 miles per hour; and
 - Welding will occur only in areas cleared of all flammable vegetation and materials at a minimum radius of 30 feet from the welding operation.
 - Fire rules shall be posted on the project bulletin board at the contractor's field office and areas visible to employees. All construction workers, plant personnel, and maintenance workers visiting the plant and/or transmission lines to perform maintenance activities shall receive training on the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire. Training records shall be maintained and be available for review by the County and the local fire department.
 - Local fire agencies shall have access to the solar farm site. Access gates shall be a minimum of 12 feet to allow fire access.
 - Minimize fire risk by removing vegetation. Measures to minimize fire risk shall include removal of dry vegetation, or equipment/vehicle that has the potential to spark a fire.

In the event of an emergency, immediate notification must be easily available for employees. In all circumstances regarding emergencies whether a specific incident such as an individual, to a serious or facility wide emergency incident, the preferred means of notification is through the immediate Supervisor who will then notify the operator so that he/she may make an announcement to the whole site. In situations where site- wide announcements are not available, notification will occur by phone or radio, or other site-specific method.

Section 4.7 Emergency Response

In the event of an emergency response, the following measures will be conducted by the individual discovering the emergency. First, personnel will assess the situation to determine potential safety concerns and hazards posed to personnel and the environment. Protective actions for life safety are the priority. All personnel will be moved or evacuated to a safe location. Access will be prohibited to the affected area to other employees or contractors. The final ERP will include a site-specific evacuation plan and a shelter in place plan.

The second priority is the stabilization of the incident. Anyone who witnesses an unusual situation that cannot be corrected routinely must notify their supervisor immediately and, while respecting the jurisdiction and ability, he/she must take the necessary measures to control the situation until the arrival of the Emergency Coordinator or supervisor.

Section 4.8 Emergency Reporting

The construction contractor will notify NEE construction supervisor and environmental monitor of any emergencies immediately. NEE will notify federal, state, and local authorities, as appropriate.

If an emergency threatens public or worker health:

- The contractor will make appropriate notification(s) to emergency personnel.
 - Emergency: 911

ATTACHMENT A:

SAMPLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FORM

**CERTIFICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS,
AND DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

The Construction Contractor(s) responsible for managing the material yards shall complete and submit the following information:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Business Name

Facility Street Address

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City

County

Zip Code

Phone

Mailing Address (if different)

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City

County

Zip Code

Phone

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

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Primary Emergency Coordinator

Business Phone

24-hour Phone

Pager/Cellular Phone

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1st Alternate

Business Phone

24-hour Phone

Pager/Cellular Phone

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2nd Alternate

Business Phone

24-hour Phone

Pager/Cellular Phone

EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

**** DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE****

Emergency Coordinator:	()	()
	(day phone)	(night phone)
First Alternate:	()	()
	(day phone)	(night phone)
Second Alternate:	()	()
	(day phone)	(night phone)

Contractor Telephone Number

Address

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency Response
(Ambulance, Fire, Police, Sheriff, Highway Patrol) call 911

Poison Control Center Phone: _____

Nearest Hospitals (2) _____ Phone: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Cleanup Contractor _____ Phone: _____

Other (specify) _____ Phone: _____

Other (specify) _____ Phone: _____

AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS (to be made by the Proponent's environmental manager or environmental field supervisor or emergency response coordinator)

Other (specify) _____ Phone #: _____

Other (specify) _____ Phone #: _____

Note: The Construction Contractor(s) shall verify and update the emergency numbers on this page before and during Project construction

I. EMERGENCY RESPONSE EQUIPMENT MONTHLY INSPECTION

A/U

- _____ Shovels
- _____ Absorbent material
- _____ Personal protective equipment (Tyvek suit, gloves, goggles and booties, as appropriate)
- _____ Fire-fighting equipment in good working condition
- _____ First aid supplies (e.g., medical supplies, squeeze bottle eye wash)
- _____ Communication equipment
- _____ Bung wrench (non-sparking)

II. EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS TAKEN REPORT

(Required for all unacceptable conditions)

Date: _____ Company (print): _____

Inspected by (print): _____ Signature: _____