

**League of Women Voters of La Plata County
Position on Desert Rock Energy Project**

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The LWV of La Plata County joins with the LWV of Cortez-Montezuma County in opposing the Desert Rock Energy Project unless and until the Environmental Impact Statement is amended to include a fourth alternative, which commits the BIA and Sithe Global Power LLC to a package of emissions reductions, specifically sulfur dioxide and/or nitrogen oxides, at the two existing coal-fired power plants, such that there is a net environmental improvement in the regional visibility impairment, while allowing the full scale 1500-megawatt Desert Rock plant to be built.

In addition, while we appreciate the desire of the Navajo Nation Tribal Council to capitalize on their natural resources for energy, jobs and revenue, we urge the Tribal Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide for sequestration of greenhouse gases at all future coal-fired power plants on tribal lands and to explore the use of their solar and wind energy resources for energy production.