

HILLCREST SOLAR PROJECT

November 25, 2019

Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793
Attn: Grant Zeto

RE: **Case Nos. 17-1152-EL-BGN and 18-1267-EL-BGA
Hillcrest Solar I, LLC**

Notice of Compliance with Certificate Condition #25 –Hillcrest shall comply with any drinking water source protection plan for any part of the facility that is located within an SWPA of a local village or city.

Dear Mr. Zeto;

Hillcrest Solar I, LLC (“Hillcrest Solar”) is certified to construct a solar-powered electric generation facility in Brown County, Ohio in accordance with the orders issued by the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”) in the above-referenced cases.

Attached please find a memo from Cardno detailing SWPA in the Project vicinity regarding compliance with Certificate Condition #25 of the Opinion, Order and Certificate issued on February 15, 2018 in Case No. 17-1152-EL-BGN.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



for: Julia Mancinelli, Senior Manager - Environment

Attachment: Cardno Memorandum RE: Hillcrest Solar Project OPSB Condition 25 for Source Water Protection Areas

Memorandum

Date: November 21, 2019 **Project No:** E319501000

To: Hillcrest Solar I, LLC
c/o Julia Mancinelli, Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.
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From: Bruce Moreira, Cardno

RE: **Hillcrest Solar Project**
OPSB Condition 25 for Source Water Protection Areas
Case No. 17-1152-EL-BGN & 18-1267-EL-BGA

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The Hillcrest Solar Project (the Project) obtained a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) from the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) on February 15, 2018 (17-1152-EL-BGN). An Order on Certificate was obtained on February 21, 2019 (18-1267-EL-BGA) authorizing a project size increase from 125 MW to 200 MW. Part of the approval certificate included the following condition:

Condition 25) Comply with any drinking water source protection plan for any part of the facility that is located within an Source Water Protection Areas (SWPA) of a local village or city.



The Project is partially located with the boundaries of the Mt. Orab Public Water System (PWS) established by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (<https://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/swap#114912862-overview-and-frequently-asked-questions>). The Mt. Orab PWS does not have a Source Water Protection Plan registered with the EPA as of the latest update (April 2019). The Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Commerce Bureau of Underground Storage Regulations (BUSTR) have adopted regulations that restrict specific activities within these designated areas. The construction and operation of the Project are not restricted activities for a groundwater or surface water SWPA.

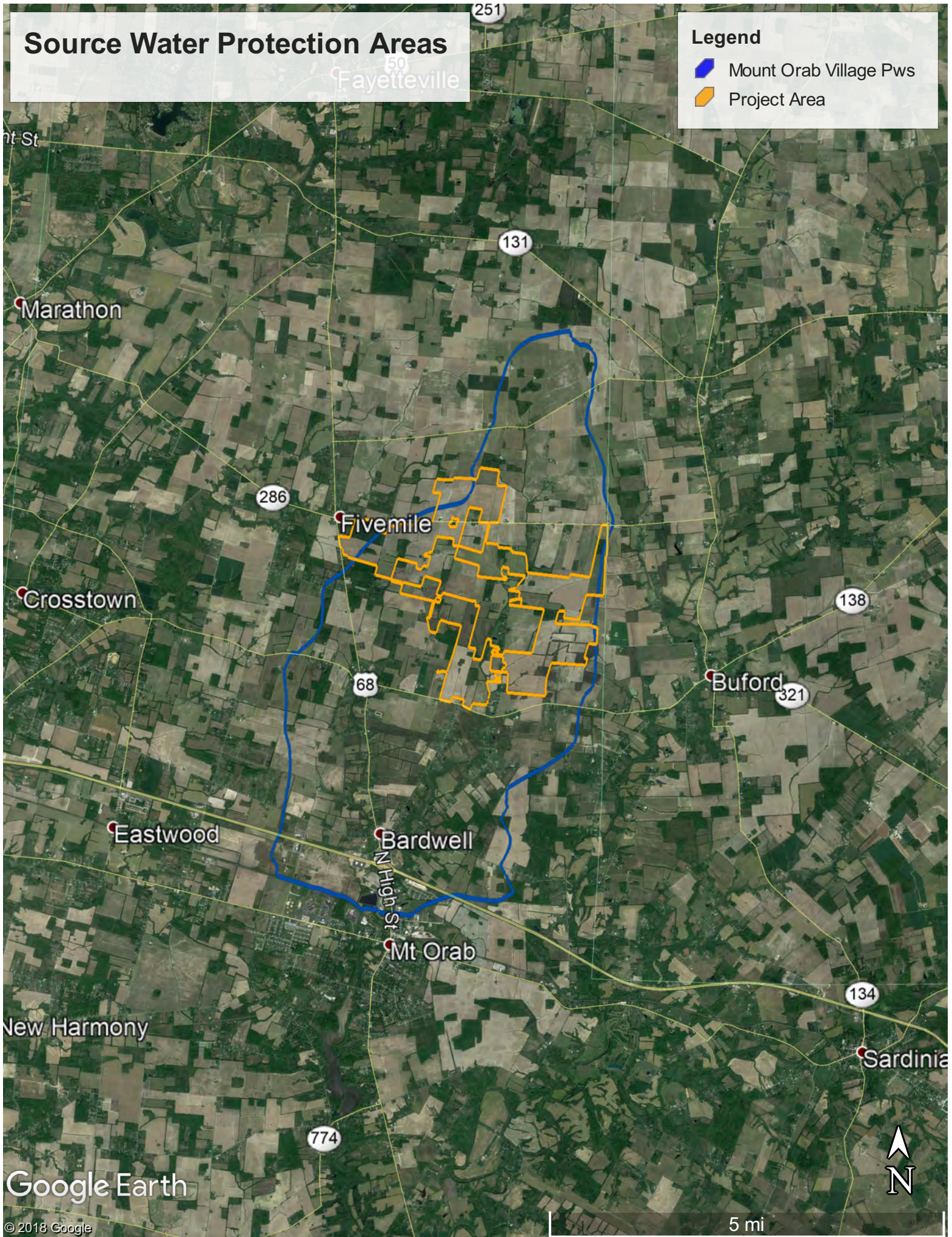
The Project will not include components or regulated activities under EPA rules for SWPAs and does not anticipate any disruption or adverse impacts to public or private water supplies during the construction or operation of the project. Specifically, the project would not involve work more than approximately eight (8) feet below the ground surface, operation of the project would use very little water, and the project would not generate any wastewater discharges. The Project will comply with all standard EPA rules for SWPAs.

The Project will require minimal water use and include one operation and maintenance facility with running water and a septic system. The Project will follow all applicable water quality protections under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit during construction and will require ground disturbance only for period maintenance activities. As a result, the Project will be compliant with the EPA rules regarding SWPAs and Condition 25 of the OPSB Certificate.

Source Water Protection Areas

Legend

-  Mount Orab Village Pws
-  Project Area



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Summary: Memorandum Notice of Compliance with Certificate Condition 25 - Source Water Protection Areas electronically filed by Ms. Julia M Mancinelli on behalf of Hillcrest Solar I, LLC