

Letter 81

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Comment 81-1

Commenter forwarded comments submitted to a local lead agency regarding a Final Environmental Impact Report for a project involving the analysis of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). Commenter's objective in forwarding those comments was to provide an example to the Natural Resources Agency of how the Proposed CEQA Guidelines amendments for GHG may be interpreted. The commenter disagrees with that lead agency regarding the methodology chosen to perform that particular analysis on biological GHG emission sources due to the project's proposed land-use conversion.

Response 81-1

The Natural Resources Agency is only required to respond to comments concerning the proposed action (i.e., the text of the proposed amendments) or to the procedures followed in proposing or adopting the proposed action. (Government Code, § 11346.9(a)(3).) The Natural Resources Agency notes that the Guidelines assist lead agencies in complying with CEQA's requirements. Ultimately, however, the responsibility for compliance with CEQA falls on the public agencies that are subject to it. No revisions are required in response to this comment.