

**EXHIBIT B
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

The following addresses the requirements of Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-219, which states:

Attach any environmental studies which applicant has made or obtained in connection with the proposed site(s) or route(s). If an environmental report has been prepared for any federal agency or if a federal agency has prepared an environmental statement pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act, a copy shall be included as part of this exhibit.

The results of the environmental studies associated with the portions of the Southeast Power Link (SPL) Project (Project) that are the subject of this Application are discussed in previous and subsequent exhibits. **Exhibit A** describes land use; **Exhibit C** addresses potential impacts to sensitive biological resources in the Project Study Area (PSA); **Exhibit D** discusses potential impacts to other biological resources in the PSA; **Exhibit E** summarizes the potential effects on the area's scenic quality and cultural resources; **Exhibit F** summarizes the potential effects on recreation resources; **Exhibit H** describes how the Project could affect local plans; and **Exhibit I** discusses the noise impacts that are expected.

There is no federal land or involvement associated with this Project that would require National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents be developed for this Application.

Due to the Project's proximity to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, it was determined that a review by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is required. Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP) retained the services of Federal Airspaces and Airways (FA&A), an independent aviation consulting firm, to perform a preliminary review and to prepare the application to the FAA. FA&A's findings are summarized in the Introduction section of this Application and the complete report is included in **Exhibit B-1**.