

11. Mineral Resources

Overview

This section provides guidelines for evaluating a project's potential impacts on mineral resources, including aggregate materials and petroleum reserves. The impact analysis involves assessing the project's location relative to known resource areas, its compliance with land use protections for resource extraction, and its effects on the availability of these regional resources.

This topic section is updated from the following section(s) from the existing ISAGs:

3a. Mineral Resources – Aggregate

3b. Mineral Resources – Petroleum

Thresholds of Significance

Impact analysis guidelines (formerly referred to as "Methodology") are provided accordingly for the following updated thresholds.

A project may have a significant impact if it would:

MIN-1 Result in the loss of availability of a) a known aggregate resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state, or b) a locally important aggregate resource recovery site.

MIN-2 Hamper or preclude extraction of, or access to, locally important petroleum resources, or would otherwise result in the loss of availability of a known petroleum resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state.

Legend:

 Derived from a combination of specific County standards and Appendix G of CEQA

Related Technical Terms

The following technical terms related to this topic section have been updated or incorporated:

- Mineral Resource Zones (MRZs)
- MRZ-2