

United States Position
Inter-American Development Bank
Chaglla Hydroelectric Power Plant (Peru)

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The EIA for this project addresses downstream hydrological impacts using what the United States considers current good practice and recommends all MDBs to emulate in their proposed projects. Ideally, such linkages between mitigation strategies and reservoir releases will be also be reflected in project financial analysis.

However, as the EIA does not contain an environmental assessment of the 137 kilometer transmission line, which is an associated facility and which the United States believes is likely to have significant adverse impacts because its most likely path will cross an area containing critical natural habitat, the United States wishes to be recorded as abstaining on this proposed project as it does not meet the Pelosi mandate disclosure time period.

The United States recognizes that the EIA for the transmission line will be completed in April 2012. However, given the sensitivity of the area, legislative mandates require that the Board should have a better understanding of the impacts and mitigation measures of the line prior to approval of the project.

The United States reiterates our appreciation for the substantial environmental due diligence that has been done on this project, and are confident that this background work will provide the country, the Bank, and the company with an excellent foundation to undertake the project that will benefit all involved.