

Black Diamond Solar Project

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Summary

Swift Current Energy is proposing to construct solar arrays near Taylorville Municipal Airport (TAZ) and Tommy's Air Park (9LL5), in Christian County, Illinois ([Figure 1](#)). On behalf of Swift Current Energy, Capitol Airspace performed a Glint and Glare Analysis utilizing the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) in order to identify any potential impacts on Taylorville Municipal Airport and Tommy's Air Park operations. Specifically, this analysis considered the impact on aircraft approaching to land on Runways 18/36, 09L/27R, and 09R/27L at Taylorville Municipal Airport and Runways 18/36 at Tommy's Air Park. Since neither airport is a controlled airport, this analysis did not consider the potential for impact on air traffic personnel working in an air traffic control tower (ATCT). Additionally, this analysis considered impact on residents and vehicles.

The results of the study show that there is no predicted glare from the solar array for aircraft making approaches to Runways 18/36, 09L/27R, and 09R/27L at Taylorville Municipal Airport and Runways 18/36 at Tommy's Air Park. These results conform to, and are in accordance with, the FAA's interim policy for *Solar Energy System Projects on Federally Obligated Airports*.

There is no predicted glare for single story or second story residences. There was also no predicted glare from the solar arrays along identified routes for cars and large trucks. Capitol Airspace has applied FAA's glint and glare standards to residences and vehicular operations due to the absence of non-aviation regulatory guidelines.

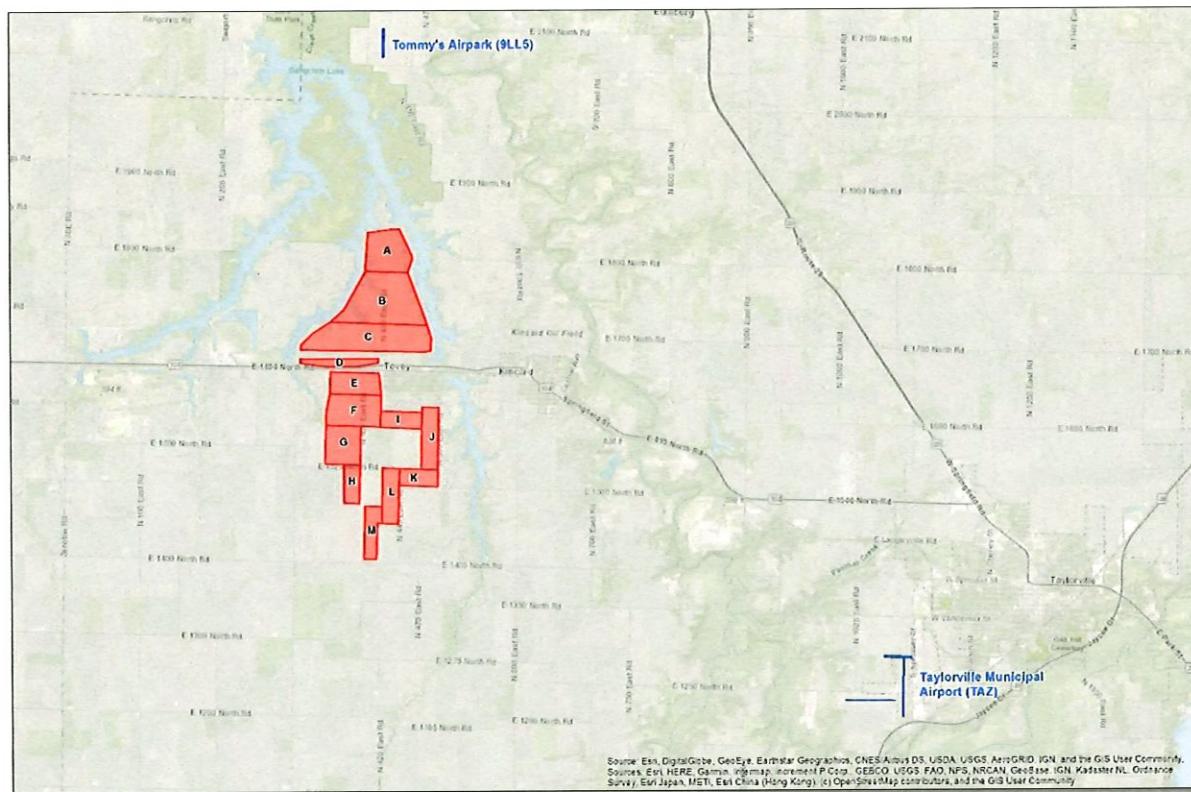


Figure 1: Location of Black Diamond Solar Project in Proximity to Local Airports

Methodology

The results of this analysis conform to, and are in accordance with, the FAA's interim policy for *Solar Energy System Projects on Federally Obligated Airports*.¹ The FAA adopted this interim policy in order to enhance safety by providing standards for measuring ocular impact of proposed solar energy systems on pilots and air traffic controllers. In cooperation with the Department of Energy (DOE), the FAA developed and validated the Sandia National Laboratories' "Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool" (SGHAT), now licensed through ForgeSolar. The FAA requires the use of the SGHAT to demonstrate compliance with the standards for measuring ocular impact.

In order for the FAA to approve a revised airport layout plan depicting a solar installation and/or issue a determination of no hazard, the airport sponsor is required to show that the solar installation meets the standards set forth in the interim policy. The interim policy states that a project:

1. Must not have a potential for glint or glare in the existing or planned ATCT cab, (Green, Yellow, or Red) and
2. Must not have a potential for glare (Yellow or Red) along the final approach path for any existing landing threshold or future landing thresholds (including any planned interim phases of the landing

¹ 78 FR 63276, 10/23/2013



thresholds) as shown on the current FAA-approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP). An airport may have a “low potential for after image” (Green) within these areas. The final approach path is defined as two (2) miles from fifty (50) feet above the landing threshold using a standard three (3) degree glidepath.

3. Ocular impact must be analyzed over the entire calendar year in one (1) minute intervals from when the sun rises above the horizon until the sun sets below the horizon.

SGHAT Assumptions:

1. Times associated with glare are denoted in Standard time. For Daylight Savings, add one hour.
2. Glare analyses do not account for physical obstructions between reflectors and receptors. This includes buildings, tree cover, and geographic obstructions.
3. The glare hazard determination relies on several approximations including observer eye characteristics, angle of view, and typical blink response time. Actual values may differ.
4. Hazard zone boundaries shown in the Glare Hazard plot are an approximation and visual aid. Actual ocular impact outcomes encompass a continuous, not discrete, spectrum.

Capitol Airspace utilized the SGHAT based guidance provided in User’s Manual v.3. Solar array specifications were provided by Swift Current Energy. The Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays are single axis tracking solar arrays. Flight path data was developed by reviewing airport’s specific operations before entering it into the SGHAT tool. Each flight path has configurable parameters and observation points. One of the configurable inputs allows for limiting the downward and azimuthal angles of view from the flight path to simulate a pilot’s view out the window of the cockpit. Swift Current Energy specified that the analysis be conducted from the FAA’s approved default settings in the SGHAT tool which utilizes the view from the pilot’s perspective.



Data

Solar Array

Swift Current Energy provided the data for the array, based on the input parameters defined in the SGHAT User's Manual v.3.

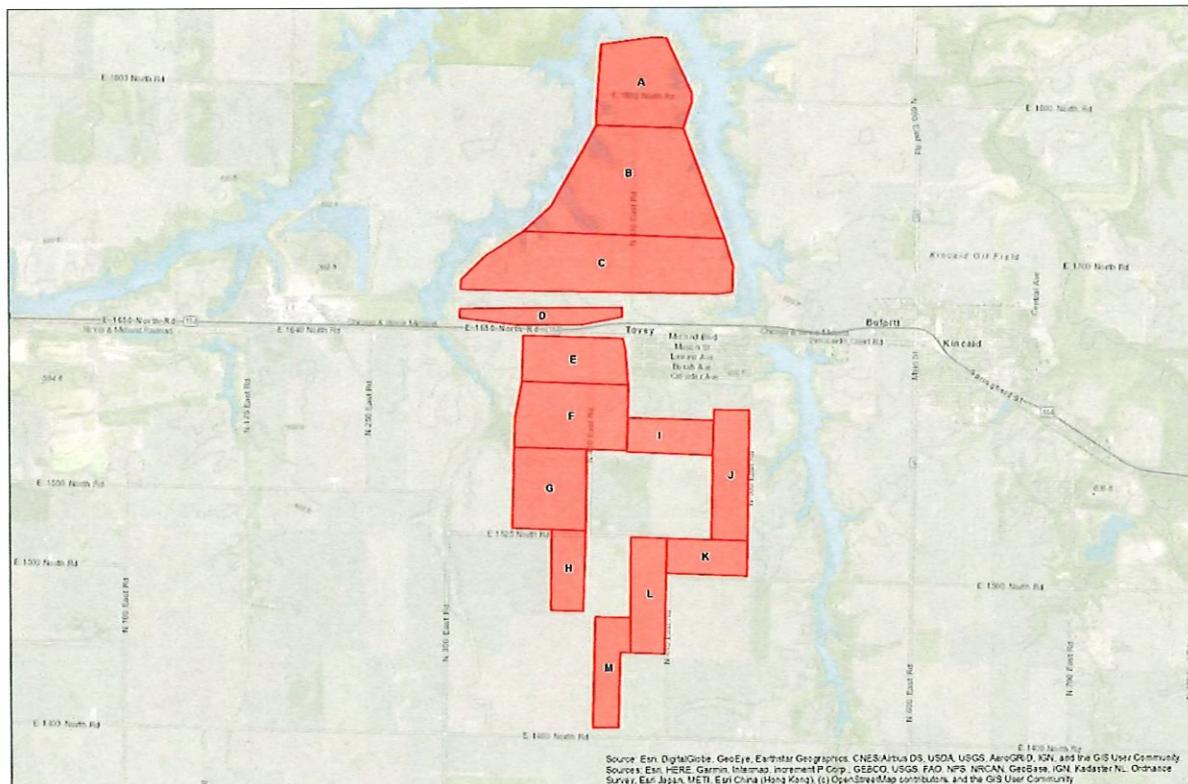


Figure 2: Overview of Black Diamond Solar Project Solar project

The data for the Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays are as follows:

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 1: Black Diamond Solar Project Array A Inputs



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.616936	-89.455112	591.28	6	597.28
2	39.616931	-89.453456	589.4	6	595.4
3	39.612025	-89.450276	590.88	6	596.88
4	39.611156	-89.450236	591.36	6	597.36
5	39.608803	-89.451175	589.63	6	595.63
6	39.608846	-89.461502	593.37	6	599.37
7	39.609739	-89.461533	594.32	6	600.32
8	39.616183	-89.461148	591.48	6	597.48

Table 2: Black Diamond Solar Project Array A Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 3: Black Diamond Solar Project Array B Inputs

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.5989	-89.446062	594.48	6	600.48
2	39.599109	-89.469815	590.07	6	596.07
3	39.601479	-89.466556	599.86	6	605.86
4	39.606423	-89.463123	590.85	6	596.85
5	39.608846	-89.461502	593.37	6	599.37
6	39.608803	-89.451175	589.63	6	595.63

Table 4: Black Diamond Solar Project Array B Vertices



Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 5: Black Diamond Solar Project Array C Inputs

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.596391	-89.445044	595.23	6	601.23
2	39.594074	-89.445054	596.58	6	602.58
3	39.593874	-89.446662	601.54	6	607.54
4	39.593694	-89.471237	601.89	6	607.89
5	39.593692	-89.477	595.49	6	601.49
6	39.594575	-89.476992	596.36	6	602.36
7	39.596834	-89.474149	596.6	6	602.6
8	39.599109	-89.469815	590.07	6	596.07
9	39.5989	-89.446062	594.48	6	600.48

Table 6: Black Diamond Solar Project Array C Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 7: Black Diamond Solar Project Array D Inputs



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.592146	-89.470375	602.72	6	608.72
2	39.592326	-89.462776	601.2	6	607.2
3	39.592426	-89.457946	598.93	6	604.93
4	39.591572	-89.457936	599.84	6	605.85
5	39.590758	-89.462793	603.34	6	609.34
6	39.590629	-89.470351	603.62	6	609.62
7	39.591135	-89.477023	599.95	6	605.95
8	39.591974	-89.477015	595.73	6	601.73

Table 8: Black Diamond Solar Project Array D Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 9: Black Diamond Solar Project Array E Inputs

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.589622	-89.457796	603.3	6	609.3
2	39.58872	-89.457457	601.86	6	607.86
3	39.585455	-89.457025	598.95	6	604.95
4	39.585522	-89.469571	604.64	6	610.64
5	39.589696	-89.469572	604.32	6	610.32

Table 10: Black Diamond Solar Project Array E Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 11: Black Diamond Solar Project Array F Inputs



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.585455	-89.457025	598.95	6	604.95
2	39.582475	-89.456971	603.07	6	609.07
3	39.5795	-89.45705	603.58	6	609.58
4	39.579554	-89.470318	599.61	6	605.61
5	39.582169	-89.470306	596.49	6	602.49
6	39.585522	-89.469571	604.64	6	610.64

Table 12: Black Diamond Solar Project Array F Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 13: Black Diamond Solar Project Array G Inputs

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.579519	-89.461751	604.71	6	610.71
2	39.572161	-89.461646	607.47	6	613.47
3	39.572228	-89.470352	606.09	6	612.09
4	39.579554	-89.470318	599.61	6	605.61

Table 14: Black Diamond Solar Project Array G Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 15: Black Diamond Solar Project Array H Inputs



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.572161	-89.461646	607.47	6	613.47
2	39.564859	-89.461743	608.4	6	614.4
3	39.56488	-89.465575	607.74	6	613.74
4	39.572192	-89.465701	605.77	6	611.77

Table 16: Black Diamond Solar Project Array H Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 17: Black Diamond Solar Project Array I Inputs

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.582435	-89.446893	603.58	6	609.59
2	39.579271	-89.446925	604.19	6	610.19
3	39.579374	-89.457025	603.32	6	609.32
4	39.5795	-89.45705	603.58	6	609.58
5	39.582475	-89.456971	603.07	6	609.07

Table 18: Black Diamond Solar Project Array I Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 19: Black Diamond Solar Project Array J Inputs



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.583423	-89.442779	600.54	6	606.54
2	39.571611	-89.442654	603.99	6	609.99
3	39.571634	-89.446861	603.16	6	609.16
4	39.579271	-89.446925	604.19	6	610.19
5	39.582435	-89.446893	603.58	6	609.59
6	39.583383	-89.446937	602.19	6	608.19

Table 20: Black Diamond Solar Project Array J Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 21: Black Diamond Solar Project Array K Inputs

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.56841	-89.44262	604.77	6	610.77
2	39.568479	-89.452114	606.35	6	612.35
3	39.571663	-89.452128	604.81	6	610.81
4	39.571611	-89.442654	603.99	6	609.99

Table 22: Black Diamond Solar Project Array K Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 23: Black Diamond Solar Project Array L Inputs



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.571663	-89.452128	604.81	6	610.81
2	39.561181	-89.452081	607.77	6	613.77
3	39.5612	-89.456093	608.69	6	614.69
4	39.571686	-89.456385	607.22	6	613.22

Table 24: Black Diamond Solar Project Array L Vertices

Parameter	Value
Axis tracking:	Single-axis rotation
Tracking axis orientation:	180.0°
Tracking axis tilt:	0.0°
Max tracking angle:	60.0°
Resting angle:	5.0°
Panel material:	Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity:	Vary with sun
Slope error:	Correlate with material

Table 25: Black Diamond Solar Project Array M Inputs

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground (feet)	Total Elevation
1	39.564395	-89.456182	609.58	6	615.58
2	39.5612	-89.456093	608.69	6	614.69
3	39.561206	-89.457262	608.08	6	614.08
4	39.554404	-89.457297	609.15	6	615.15
5	39.554379	-89.460351	609.73	6	615.73
6	39.56439	-89.460357	608.71	6	614.71

Table 26: Black Diamond Solar Project Array M Vertices



Taylorville Municipal Airport (TAZ)

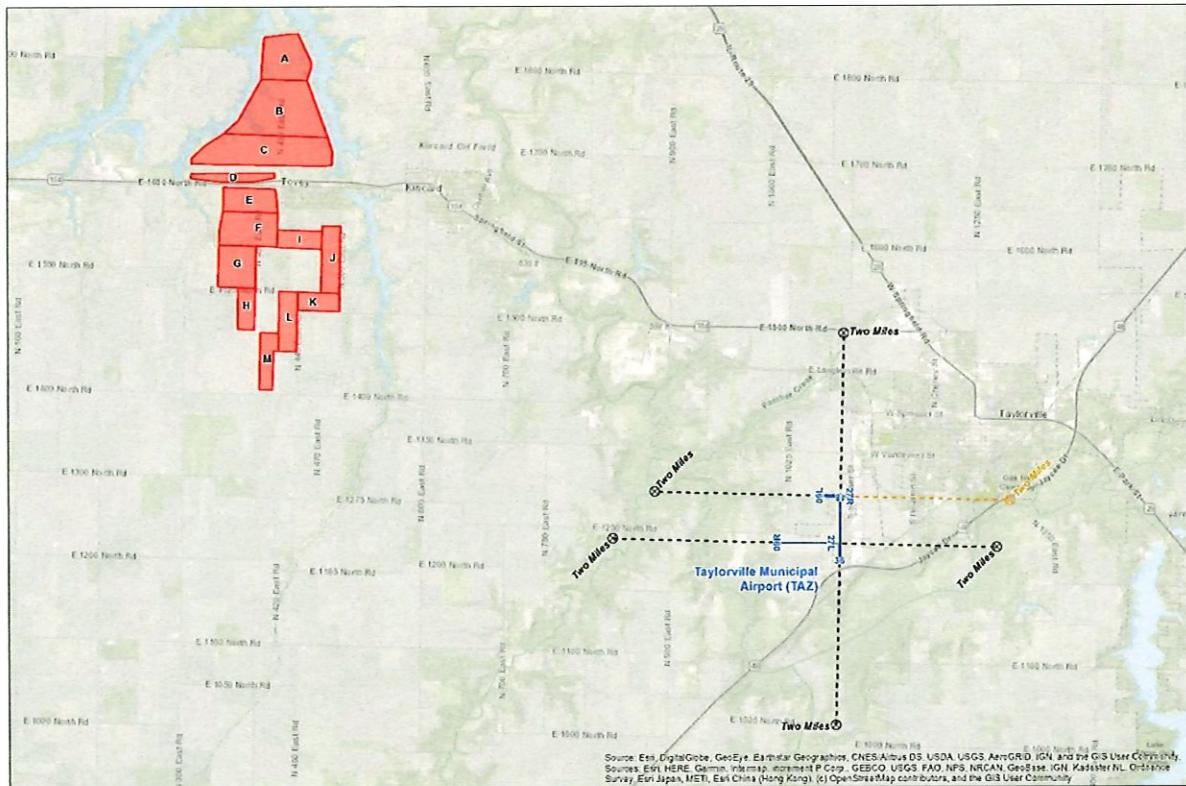


Figure 3: Taylorville Municipal Airport (TAZ) SGHAT flight paths and Black Diamond Solar Project

Parameter	Runway 18	Runway 36
Threshold height (ft)	50.0	50.0
Direction (deg)	180.0	0.0
Glide slope (deg)	3.0	3.0
Consider pilot visibility from cockpit	Yes	Yes

Table 27: Runway 18/36 flight path and viewing parameters

Runway	Observation Point	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height above ground (feet)	Total Elevation (feet)
18	Threshold	39.537836	-89.327512	612.64	50	662.64
	Two-mile	39.566748	-89.327512	597.39	618.71	1216.1
36	Threshold	39.526853	-89.327344	619.56	50	669.56
	Two-mile	39.497941	-89.327344	613.28	609.74	1223.02

Table 28: Runway 18/36 flight path observation points



Parameter	Runway 09L	Runway 27R
Threshold height (ft)	50.0	50.0
Direction (deg)	90.0	270.0
Glide slope (deg)	3.0	3.0
Consider pilot visibility from cockpit	Yes	Yes

Table 29: Runway 09L/27R flight path and viewing parameters

Runway	Observation Point	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height above ground (feet)	Total Elevation (feet)
09L	Threshold	39.53816	-89.332246	615.34	50	665.35
	Two-mile	39.53816	-89.36978	560.59	658.21	1218.8
27R	Threshold	39.538117	-89.325392	611.4	50	661.4
	Two-mile	39.538117	-89.287858	573.43	641.42	1214.86

Table 30: Runway 09L/27R flight path observation points

Parameter	Runway 09R	Runway 27L
Threshold height (ft)	50.0	50.0
Direction (deg)	90.0	270.0
Glide slope (deg)	3.0	3.0
Consider pilot visibility from cockpit	Yes	Yes

Table 31: Runway 09R/27L flight path and viewing parameters

Runway	Observation Point	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height above ground (feet)	Total Elevation (feet)
09R	Threshold	39.529741	-89.341708	614.47	50	664.47
	Two-mile	39.529741	-89.379237	591.14	626.78	1217.93
27L	Threshold	39.529854	-89.329294	614.09	50	664.09
	Two-mile	39.529854	-89.291765	575.3	642.24	1217.54

Table 32: Runway 09R/27L flight path observation points



Tommy's Air Park

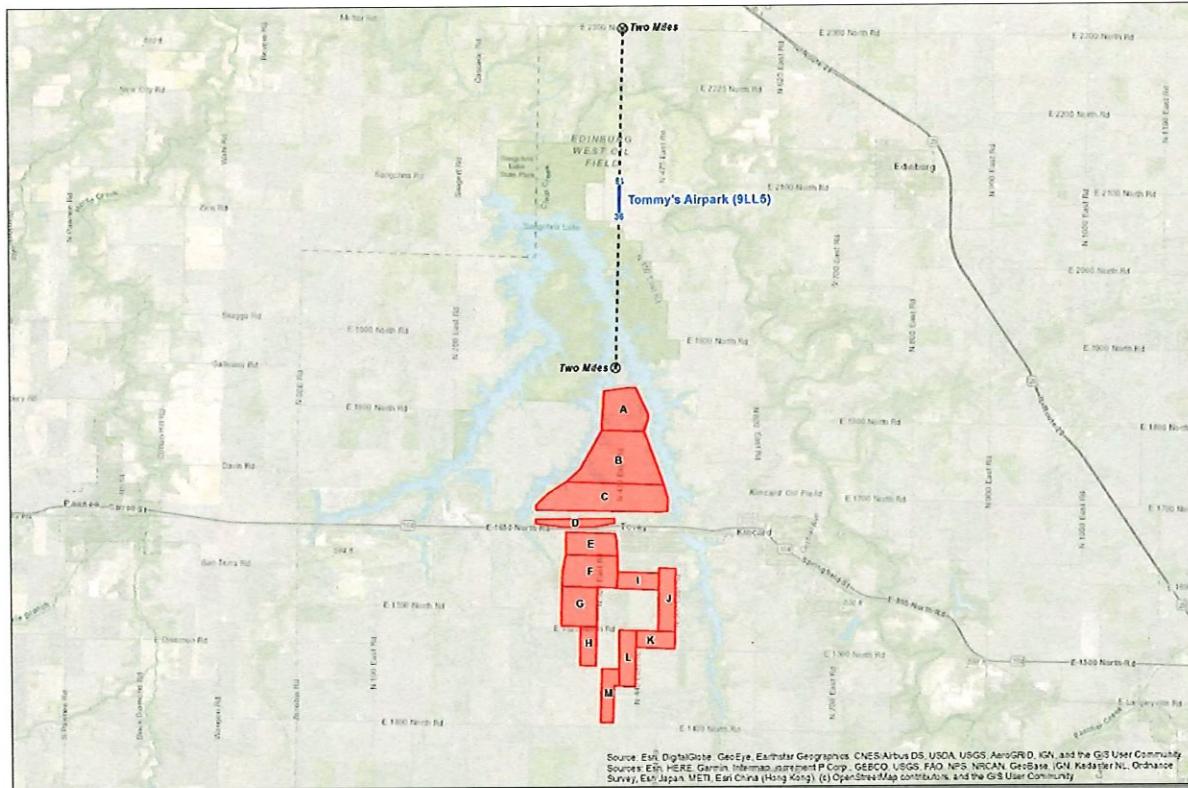


Figure 4: Tommy's Air Park SGHAT flight path and Black Diamond Solar Project Solar project

Parameter	Runway 18	Runway 36
Threshold height (ft)	50.0	50.0
Direction (deg)	180.0	0.0
Glide slope (deg)	3.0	3.0
Consider pilot visibility from cockpit	Yes	Yes

Table 33: Runway 18/36 flight path and viewing parameters

Runway	Observation Point	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height above ground (feet)	Total Elevation (feet)
18	Threshold	39.654876	-89.458478	587.35	50	637.36
	Two-mile	39.683789	-89.458478	583.05	607.76	1190.81
36	Threshold	39.649426	-89.458407	589.84	50	639.84
	Two-mile	39.620514	-89.458407	589.41	603.89	1193.3

Table 34: Runway 18/36 flight path observation points



Black Diamond Solar Project Discrete Observation Points - Residents

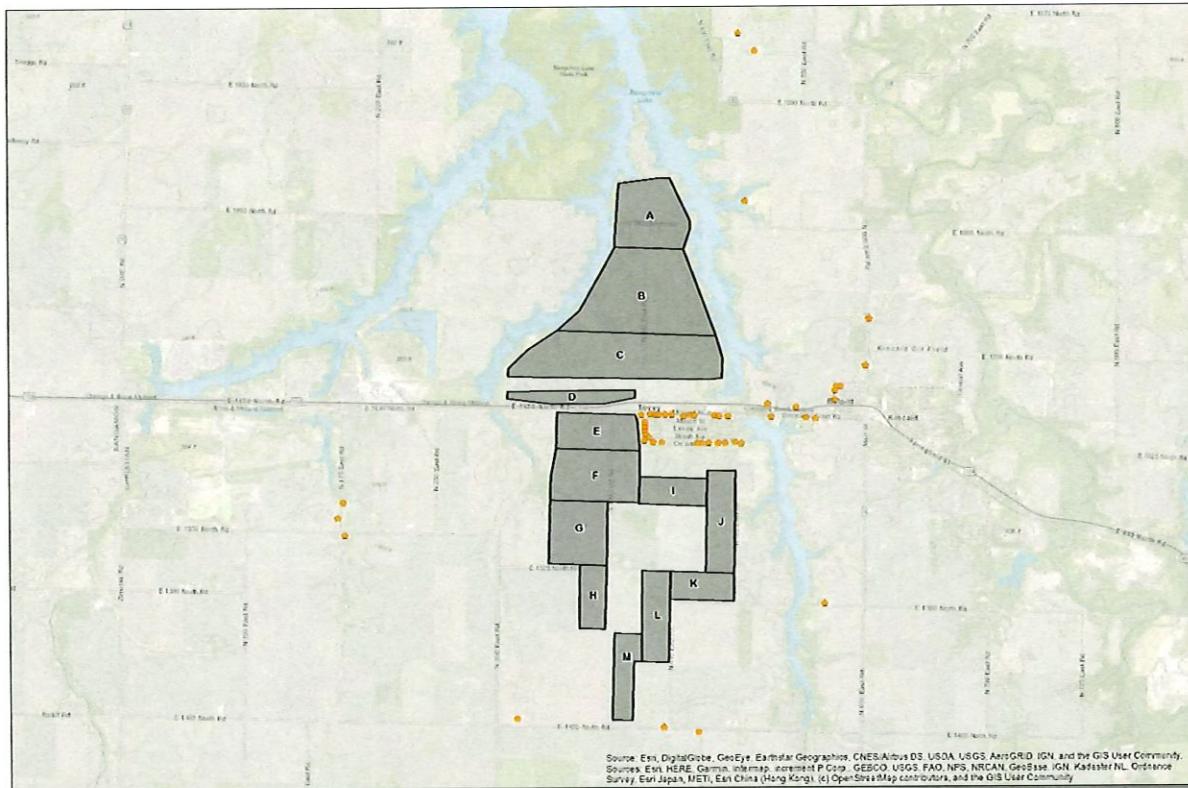


Figure 5: Location of Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Discrete Observation Points - Residents

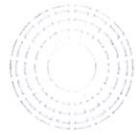


ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground - Single Story (feet)	Total Elevation - Single Story	Height Above Ground – Second Story (feet)	Total Elevation - Second Story
OP 1	39.553727	-89.452613	610.04	8	618.04	16	626.07
OP 2	39.553254	-89.447414	615.18	8	623.19	16	631.21
OP 3	39.554297	-89.474516	612.92	8	620.92	16	628.95
OP 4	39.568408	-89.428962	615.4	8	623.4	16	631.43
OP 5	39.586629	-89.441968	596.94	8	604.94	16	612.97
OP 6	39.586712	-89.442837	598.23	8	606.23	16	614.26
OP 7	39.586596	-89.444366	604.09	8	612.09	16	620.12
OP 8	39.586587	-89.445404	603.06	8	611.06	16	619.09
OP 9	39.586577	-89.446784	605.55	8	613.55	16	621.58
OP 10	39.586535	-89.447793	607.67	8	615.67	16	623.7
OP 11	39.586516	-89.448465	609.42	8	617.42	16	625.45
OP 12	39.586492	-89.453787	598.68	8	606.68	16	614.71
OP 13	39.586542	-89.455076	601.19	8	609.19	16	617.22
OP 14	39.586655	-89.456398	601.99	8	609.99	16	618.02
OP 15	39.587092	-89.455728	602.21	8	610.21	16	618.24
OP 16	39.587477	-89.456284	603.61	8	611.61	16	619.64
OP 17	39.58795	-89.456339	602.94	8	610.94	16	618.97
OP 18	39.588328	-89.456365	605.5	8	613.5	16	621.53
OP 19	39.588822	-89.456354	604.49	8	612.49	16	620.52
OP 20	39.589647	-89.456947	602.6	8	610.6	16	618.63
OP 21	39.589754	-89.455616	604.66	8	612.66	16	620.69
OP 22	39.589721	-89.454922	603.96	8	611.96	16	619.99
OP 23	39.589726	-89.454354	603.38	8	611.38	16	619.41
OP 24	39.589738	-89.453394	600.98	8	608.98	16	617.01
OP 25	39.589736	-89.452402	593.39	8	601.39	16	609.42
OP 26	39.589597	-89.450639	598.23	8	606.23	16	614.26
OP 27	39.589743	-89.44969	601.75	8	609.75	16	617.78
OP 28	39.589723	-89.449014	603.76	8	611.76	16	619.79
OP 29	39.589752	-89.446016	602.95	8	610.95	16	618.98
OP 30	39.589725	-89.445346	602.67	8	610.67	16	618.7
OP 31	39.589723	-89.444026	604.18	8	612.18	16	620.21
OP 32	39.591261	-89.438111	601.01	8	609.01	16	617.04
OP 33	39.593405	-89.427876	606.74	8	614.74	16	622.77
OP 34	39.592954	-89.428064	608.19	8	616.19	16	624.22
OP 35	39.591863	-89.428069	602.06	8	610.06	16	618.09
OP 36	39.593459	-89.427238	607.3	8	615.3	16	623.33
OP 37	39.589752	-89.437573	596.32	8	604.32	16	612.35
OP 38	39.590914	-89.433819	603.14	8	611.14	16	619.17



OP 39	39.589728	-89.432361	604.67	8	612.67	16	620.7
OP 40	39.589673	-89.430881	603.84	8	611.85	16	619.87
OP 41	39.5959	-89.423617	602.1	8	610.1	16	618.13
OP 42	39.601288	-89.42318	605.64	8	613.64	16	621.67
OP 43	39.614515	-89.44222	596.43	8	604.43	16	612.46
OP 44	39.633854	-89.44381	596.72	8	604.72	16	612.75
OP 45	39.631867	-89.441231	596.26	8	604.26	16	612.29
OP 46	39.574944	-89.500892	600.27	8	608.27	16	616.3
OP 47	39.576917	-89.501982	602.34	8	610.34	16	618.37
OP 48	39.578719	-89.501212	600.45	8	608.45	16	616.48

Table 35: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Discrete Observation Receptors



Black Diamond Solar Project Solar Discrete Observation Points - Routes

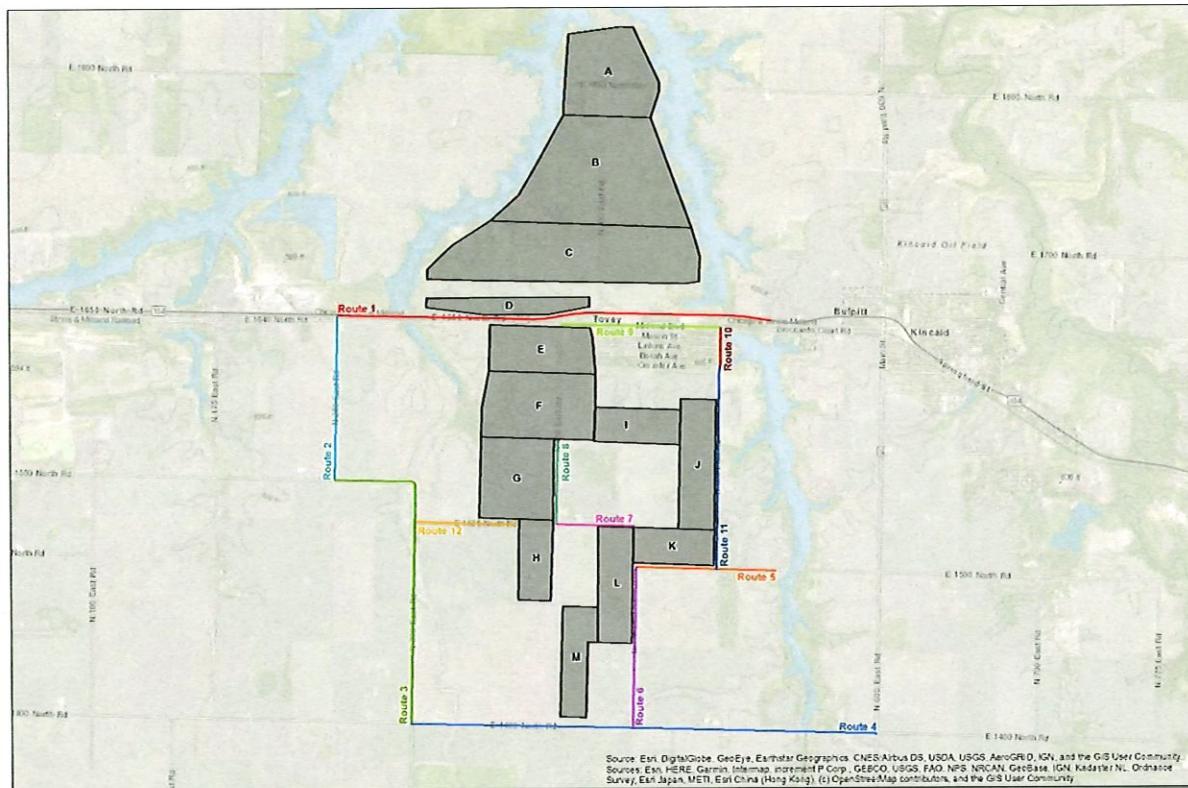


Figure 6: Location of Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Discrete Observation Points - Routes



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.590237	-89.487521	595.83	4	599.83	8	603.83
2	39.590295	-89.476674	598.09	4	602.09	8	606.09
3	39.590311	-89.468896	598.9	4	602.9	8	606.9
4	39.59032	-89.464851	601.62	4	605.62	8	609.62
5	39.590369	-89.463778	599.38	4	603.38	8	607.38
6	39.590535	-89.462094	600.41	4	604.41	8	608.41
7	39.590816	-89.460216	599.39	4	603.39	8	607.39
8	39.590956	-89.458771	598.86	4	602.86	8	606.86
9	39.591031	-89.457409	597.87	4	601.87	8	605.87
10	39.591031	-89.456067	598.55	4	602.55	8	606.55
11	39.591056	-89.443976	591.13	4	595.13	8	599.13
12	39.591064	-89.442152	580.91	4	584.91	8	588.91
13	39.591035	-89.440872	598.66	4	602.67	8	606.67
14	39.590977	-89.439719	598.06	4	602.06	8	606.06
15	39.590895	-89.438609	599.14	4	603.14	8	607.14
16	39.590686	-89.43661	594.79	4	598.79	8	602.79

Table 36: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 1

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.59022	-89.487465	596.01	4	600.01	8	604.01
2	39.586768	-89.487425	597.54	4	601.54	8	605.54
3	39.581507	-89.487368	602.06	4	606.06	8	610.06
4	39.575326	-89.487347	601.84	4	605.84	8	609.84

Table 37: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 2

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.57533	-89.487341	601.84	4	605.84	8	609.84
2	39.57538	-89.478302	593.77	4	597.77	8	601.77
3	39.575305	-89.478018	594.11	4	598.11	8	602.11
4	39.57516	-89.477862	594.83	4	598.83	8	602.83
5	39.574974	-89.477809	594.81	4	598.81	8	602.81
6	39.55345	-89.477726	606.14	4	610.14	8	614.14

Table 38: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 3



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.553465	-89.477739	606.14	4	610.14	8	614.14
2	39.553558	-89.450424	605.86	4	609.86	8	613.86
3	39.553564	-89.423108	602.34	4	606.34	8	610.34

Table 39: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 4

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.568111	-89.451736	605.23	4	609.23	8	613.23
2	39.568078	-89.435428	600.23	4	604.23	8	608.23

Table 40: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 5

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.568061	-89.451715	605.16	4	609.16	8	613.16
2	39.55355	-89.451715	603.79	4	607.79	8	611.79

Table 41: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 6

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.571796	-89.461349	608.55	4	612.55	8	616.55
2	39.571813	-89.452037	602.18	4	606.18	8	610.18

Table 42: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 7

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.579321	-89.461328	604.61	4	608.61	8	612.61
2	39.571813	-89.461328	608.55	4	612.56	8	616.56

Table 43: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 8

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.589913	-89.461247	600.55	4	604.55	8	608.55
2	39.589968	-89.442426	590.09	4	594.09	8	598.09

Table 44: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 9



ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.589902	-89.442406	594.31	4	598.31	8	602.31
2	39.586383	-89.442399	597.52	4	601.52	8	605.52

Table 45: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 10

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.586365	-89.442462	597.35	4	601.35	8	605.35
2	39.586059	-89.44247	596.76	4	600.76	8	604.76
3	39.585803	-89.442483	595.57	4	599.57	8	603.57
4	39.582128	-89.442449	602.02	4	606.02	8	610.02
5	39.576382	-89.442406	593.7	4	597.7	8	601.7
6	39.571714	-89.442361	602.32	4	606.32	8	610.32
7	39.568078	-89.442334	603.06	4	607.06	8	611.06

Table 46: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 11

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Ground Elevation (feet)	Height Above Ground – Cars (feet)	Total Elevation - Cars	Height Above Ground – Trucks (feet)	Total Elevation - Trucks
1	39.571707	-89.477662	602.48	4	606.48	8	610.45
2	39.571674	-89.465925	603.74	4	607.74	8	611.71

Table 47: Black Diamond Solar Project Arrays Observation Receptors Route 12



Results

Capitol Airspace utilized the above specified inputs to analyze potential glint and glare at various points along the flight paths. Runway end coordinates were obtained from the FAA National Flight Data Center (NFDC) National Airspace System Resources (NASR) dataset. SGHAT uses this information to analyze each flight path between a two-mile final and the runway threshold.

If glare is detected, “Glare Occurrence Plots” are generated by SGHAT. The plots show when glare can occur (as viewed from the prescribed observation point) throughout the year. The color indicates the potential ocular hazard. The colors are defined as:

- **Green:** Low potential for temporary after-image glare
- **Yellow:** Potential for temporary after-image glare
- **Red:** Potential for permanent eye damage glare

The results of this analysis predicted no glare for any receptor ([Table 48](#)).

Receptor	Green Glare (minutes / year)	Yellow Glare (minutes / year)	Red Glare (minutes / year)
Runway 18 (9LL5)	0	0	0
Runway 36 (9LL5)	0	0	0
Runway 18 (TAZ)	0	0	0
Runway 36 (TAZ)	0	0	0
Runway 09L (TAZ)	0	0	0
Runway 27R (TAZ)	0	0	0
Runway 09R (TAZ)	0	0	0
Runway 27L (TAZ)	0	0	0
Residences Single Story	0	0	0
Residences Two Story	0	0	0
Route Cars	0	0	0
Route Trucks	0	0	0

Table 48: Black Diamond Solar Project Glint and Glare Summary



Conclusion

The SGHAT analyzed the expected total footprints of the arrays for the Black Diamond Solar Project. The SGHAT findings indicated that no glare is predicted from the project arrays for the approaches to Runways 18/36, 09L/27R, and 09R/27L at Taylorville Municipal Airport and Runways 18/36 at Tommy's Air Park. The findings show that the project is compliant with the FAA interim policy for *Solar Energy System Projects on Federally Obligated Airports*.

There is no predicted glare for residences with an estimated single story viewing height of 8 feet and a second story viewing height of 16 feet. Additionally, there was no predicted glare from the solar arrays along Routes 1 through 12 for cars with an estimated viewing height of 4 feet and large trucks with an estimated viewing height of 8 feet. Capitol Airspace has applied FAA's glint and glare standards to vehicular operations due to the absence of non-aviation regulatory guidelines.

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