

## **Chapter 10.1: Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources**

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There are several resources, both natural and built, that would be expended in the construction and operation of the proposed project. These resources include the land area used for the BMPs and outfalls; materials used for the construction of the BMPs and outfalls; energy in the form of gas and electricity consumed during the construction of the project and routine program maintenance activities; and the human effort (time and labor) required to develop, construct, and maintain various program components. These resources are considered irretrievably committed because their reuse for some purpose other than the project would be highly unlikely. This commitment of resources and materials has been weighed against the public purpose and need for the proposed project and would provide various social, environmental and economic benefits. \*