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Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources

There are several resources, both natural and built, that would be expended in the construction and operation of any development that may result of the proposed action. These resources include the building materials used in construction of the project; energy in the form of natural gas, petroleum products, and electricity consumed during construction and operation of the building; and the human effort required to develop, construct, and operate various components of any potential development. They are considered irretrievably committed because their reuse for some other purpose would be impossible or highly unlikely.

As described in Chapter 1, "Project Description," the proposed action is a generic action and there are no specific development sites at this time. The proposed action itself is not expected to induce development, however, it may result in different geographic distribution of hotels.

The proposed action also constitutes an irreversible and irretrievable commitment of potential development sites as a land resource, as it thereby renders land use for other purposes infeasible.