

Hayward power plants.txt

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My name is Lisa Gudjohnsen and I am a San Lorenzo resident. I am terribly concerned about the power plant planned for the Hayward shoreline. It seems crazy to me that anyone can say the power plant won't affect air quality in the Bay Area, when we already can't use our fire places due to poor air quality! The heat provided from these fire places, in many instances, is the only heat elderly residents have in the winter, and they have been asked not to use them, yet government officials are thinking about allowing a power plant in Hayward. This is absurd.

The other serious concern is with the airport. The plumes released from the stacks from the power plant will affect take-off and landing patterns for aircraft going into the Hayward airport. Neighbors to the airport, both in Hayward and San Lorenzo, are already affected by noise and safety issues. The plumes will move more of these aircraft over populated neighborhoods, including local schools who need to stop teaching occasionally throughout the school day because of the noise. Again, it is absurd.

As a concerned resident and homeowner, I would like to see programs for renewable energy and financial assistance for solar panels in the area so less energy would ultimately be necessary. An option such as this would be beneficial for the environment and for the people who live in the Bay Area, decreasing greenhouse gases and pollutants released into the air. I know I have only given 2 ideas, where many are available, but I wanted to offer at least some type of resolution, and not just complain. Whatever monies have been promised to the companies involved with the power plants and their construction are truly inconsequential compared to the many lives that will be negatively affected.

I ask you to reconsider the power plant and refuse to allow it in the Bay Area.