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BAY AREA AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Re: Russell City Energy Plant

Dear Mr. Lee and Bay Area Air Quality Management District Team,

I attended the meeting your team hosted at Hayward City Hall on September 2, 2009, but as there were many speakers, my name was never called. I would like to make a public comment at this time.

Mr. Lee and Team of Air Quality Professionals,

This is all very simple. You are the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. It is your single and utmost responsibility to protect the air and health of the population of the following Bay Area cities: Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Union City, Fremont, Newark, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Oakland, San Francisco...just to name a few, of over one million people.

You have a Huge, no an Enormous, responsibility to make the right decision concerning this proposed power plant in this highly populated area. As it would be your responsibility to further research this project with qualified Scientist for the adverse effects of the Air quality and it would be your responsibility to further research this project for the adverse effects on health with qualified professional medical doctors.

You cannot let a decision be made of this utmost importance to the health of over 1 million people by not researching the adverse effects of combining No2, CO, POC, PM2, PM10, SO2, Ammonia, Benzene, Formaldehyde, Diesel particulate matter and Polycyclic aromatic Hydrocarbons, and Soot on a population of this grand scale.

Facts to remember when making this decision:

1. Even though the Federal Govt. will let this plant buy back pollution credits, our area will still exceed the safe limit levels of pollution credits. This is a cunning way large companies play with Federal Laws and Regulations. Sort of like "cheating".
2. In Alameda County statistics show we have the highest incidents of breast cancer and asthma and it is proven to be diagnosed environmentally.
3. The concern was brought up at the meeting you held at Hayward City Hall, about cutting Union Jobs. This will no longer be a worry, because the defunct NUMMI plan in Fremont has received a major Federal Grant from the OBama

Administration to produce Solar Power Panels and will employ up to 2,000 workers.

4. The City of Hayward has 2 Major Colleges, both within a few minutes from this proposed power plant. You will be putting thousands of young college students from Cal State East Bay and Chabot Jr. College at risk if these toxins are proven to be unhealthy.
5. Re-review, do we really need this plant, now, is all power going to stop if we do not put this plant in next year, more research can only produce a better quality plant.
6. California has always been on the cutting edge of preserving our environment, the World looks to us for innovation, modernism, and leadership in this field. Let not the BAAQMD , especially, negate these ideals.

I have always respected the BAAQMD, and what they do for the Bay Area. For example the 1800-exhaust program is a prime example of your good works. But seriously, if you grant this Power Plant this permit, it would invalid everything you stand for. It is your duty to make an intelligent, conscientious, heartfelt decision, that yes, your mother would be proud of.

Please do not approve the Russell City Power Plant.

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Silva family & friends  
Castro Valley, Ca.