

No Power Plant.txt

From: A Vassigh
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 12:37 PM
To: Weyman Lee
Subject: No Power Plant
Dear Mr. Lee,

As someone who grew up in Hayward and is very connected to it's people and it's landscape, I am very concerned about the proposed Calpine Russell City power plant that may be built in South Hayward. I strongly urge you to deny the PSD permit that the corporation is seeking. The power plant will undermine Hayward City policies for sustainability, and despite Calpine's protests to the contrary, represents a step backwards in energy technology.

There are several main reasons why this power plant is the wrong thing for our community.

Environmental racism: As you are probably aware, this power plant would severely harm the air quality in the Hayward area, potentially affecting tens of thousands of people as well as negatively impacting the air quality throughout the entire Bay Area. The harm, though, will not be equally shared by all: rather, it will be working class people and people of color who will suffer most. I urge you to oppose this potential act of environmental racism.

Toxics in the air: Among the toxics the power plant will dump into the air are hundreds of thousands of pounds of nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Carbon dioxide emissions are expected to be in excess of millions of pounds.

Wildlife and Water: A power plant situated near the Hayward shoreline threatens the health of wildlife and will jeopardize recently restored wetlands and has the potential to negatively affect overall water quality as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I trust that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will make the right decision, in favor of the health and welfare of our community.

Sincerely,

Amanda Vassigh