

Russell City Energy Center.txt

From: Reed Adam
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 10:30 PM
To: Weyman Lee
Subject: Russell City Energy Center

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Russell City Energy Center in Hayward, CA. I am an educator in Hayward, CA and am very concerned with the health and wellness of the community where I work. I have heard about the proposal for a new natural gas power plant in Hayward and am alarmed about it for a variety of reasons. Although the proposed power station utilizes sophisticated technology, it will still create carbon dioxide and other potentially harmful emissions that will have a negative impact on the local and global environment. I believe that with the growing concern over climate change, we need to be pushing for more energy conservation and renewable energy generation instead of power plants that use fossil fuels, however clean their technology may be. Furthermore, I have doubts that the plant's emissions will be as 'clean' as touted and am concerned about potential health risks to those who live and work in the Hayward community. Hayward is a working-class community whose residents are primarily people of color, perhaps that is one reason why a power station was chosen to be built here. No power station needs to be built in Hayward, and there are many concerned citizens like myself who are opposed to the construction of the Russell City Energy Center. Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider my perspectives in deciding whether or not to approve the construction of this power station.

Sincerely,

Reed Adam
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