

Public Comment Against Russel City Permit.txt

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Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 4:59 PM  
To: Weyman Lee  
Subject: Public Comment Against Russel City Permit

Dear Mr. Lee,  
I am a resident of San Leandro and Immediate Past President of the Faculty Senate at Chabot College in Hayward.  
I am writing to vehemently oppose granting the required permit necessary to proceed with building the Russel City power plant.  
The BAAQMD's own report shows the immense amount of toxins released into the air, and Chabot College has been designated the maximal impact receptor. The power company may be able to offset the pollution somewhere else, but the impact on our community cannot be mitigated and has serious consequences. What's worse, no health risk study has examine the cumulative and synergistic effects of the pollutants coming from the power plant with the already existing exhaust from the busy 92 and 880 freeways. It is unconscionable that the original Russel City application to the CEC designated the site as a rural area and that the CEC did not call them on it. The site is clearly in an urban area, and the pollution will have grave impact.  
Power plant in San Francisco has caused lots of health problems for residents there. There is no reason to believe that the same won't happen in Hayward. Further, the energy generated by the power plant does not even go to the Hayward community and the immediate vicinity. I am not one of those not-in-my-backyard type of people. If my community needs power, then my community needs to weigh and assume the risks. However, we get nothing! And we don't want this excess! California has plenty of electricity. All the scare about energy shortage is a fraud, as revealed in the Enron scandal. The permit cannot be granted to perpetrate the fraud even more. Therefore, I call upon the BAAQMD to categorically deny the permit and protect the citizens of the Bay Area. Thank you.  
--Ming Ho