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Re: Draft Federal PSD Permit  
Copy to the EPA, Washington% Congressman Fortney "Pete" Stark

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am responding to the "Draft Federal PSD Permit"

My first comment is that I disagree that an Agency, who is charged with keeping the air clean and breathable in the Bay Area, especially in the Hayward Area and surrounding environs, is even considering allowing a power plant of the size and nature of the so called "Russell City Energy Center" to be constructed.

It is a good thing that the EPA administration will be looking over this PSD process.

The first page shows a bias in the statement in the first page, last line of the third paragraph.

"The Air District believes that this additional analysis and consideration, as well as the revised draft permit conditions that have come out of it, will result in an improved permit." It is my understanding that the BAAQMD desires to issue this permit, no matter what comes out of the public process which the Air District is supposed to be following. I have asked personally and publically for a procedure book on the part of the BAAQMD and was not allowed to see the pamphlet or whatever it looks like. I have also asked to be notified personally of the of minutes and agendas that refer to the CALPINE project and have not received any notices at all since I first began appearing in front of the Air District over two years ago. Mr. Brian Bateman of the Air District did mail me one copy of the PSD application which I received July 18, 2009, after I called him by phone to remind him.

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Why is this sentence so germane? When I read such a sentence as referenced above, I believe the administration of the Air District Board has a bias in favor of the Russell City Energy Center before it was ever submitted to the public process and/or protest.

Over the years, I had the impression that the BAAQMD (the air district) was to be even-handed or fair with projects that have been submitted. I believe and feel that that is not happened with regards to Calpine, also known at the Russell City Energy Center.

As to the Permit "Additional Statement of Basis, and Solicitation of Further Public Comment for the Proposed Russell City Energy Center."

Of note: It is common knowledge that the Bay Area itself is in non-compliance with the Federal Government's standard for clean air and has been for some time. To allow the following toxic air containments to be allowed to be spewed forth by the RCEC (Russell City Energy Center) is unbelievable.

They are listed as follows from data supplied by the BAAQMD itself.

Ammonia, Diesel Particulate Matter, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons.

PM's are called particulate matter, or PM, or another name for soot.

Known toxics are Carbon Monoxide, Sulfur Dioxide, Benzo (a) pyrene equivalents.

Known cancer causers are: Acetaldehyde, Acrolein, Benzene, Formaldehyde, PAH's, Propylene oxide.

Other toxic air containments are: 1,3-Butadiene, Ethylbenzene, Hexane, Naphthlene, Propylene, Toluene

Xylenes, nitrogen oxides, Precursor Organic Compounds (POC).

Quoting from a document published by the Air District: Nitrogen Oxides, 134.6 tons per year; Carbon Monoxide, 389.3 tons per year and Particulate Matter, 86.8 tons per year. Multiply that figure

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by 2000 pounds equaling one ton. The total equals 610.7 tons translated into 1,221,400 pounds of those three toxics alone that could be put into Hayward and its surrounding area's Air. The numbers are astonishing! And discouraging in that the RCEC, as proposed, on its 18 acre site could be given approval by the BAAQMD.

As the president of CAP, Citizens Against Pollution, I enthusiastically say please do not allow this power plant to be built.

Thank you. Signed by Audrey LePell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Audrey LePell".

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