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Good morning Renee,

I oppose the building of this project for many reason. Please take into consideration all the lives that will be impacted if the project is approved.

Please reject this project!

The Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) request has been submitted to the Calif Energy Commision for approval.

Concerns:

Lithium Battery Storage has significant Fire risk with high toxicity. Moss Landing BESS Fire lasted for six days and reignited again a month later. Moss Landing fire had a evacuation area of 8 square miles (approx 1.6 mile radius). Over 1500 people were evacuated in a sparsely populated area.

Moss Landing was a facility similar in size to this proposed facility.

Project site is located with 1500 feet of several residential neighborhoods to the west and within 1500 feet of interstate 5 to the east.

Four schools (Niguel Middle School, Capistrano Valley High, Fairmount and J Serra are about 1 mile from site). A fire similar to Moss Landing would cause thousands of people to be evacuated and Interstate 5 to be shut down.

Fire fighting chemicals could adversely affect the Oso and Arroyo Creek waterbed and contaminate the San Juan Creek watershed. In January 2025 research scientists at San José State University's Moss Landing Marine Laboratories said they

detected “unusually high concentrations” of heavy-metal nanoparticles in marsh soils at Elkhorn Slough Reserve following the fire. The field surveys, conducted within a radius of approximately two miles from the power plant, measured a “dramatic” increase in marsh soil surface concentration (hundreds- to thousand-fold) of the three heavy metals nickel, manganese and cobalt.

These are fact you already know about.

Please reject this project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Geiler', written over the printed name.

Sandra Geiler

Concerned citizen of Laguna Niguel, CA.