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Profound concerns

I live 30 yards away from the Prairie Song project. Family safety is # 1 for me. Major concerns:

1. Toxicity in event of thermal runaway. I was told at a recent Coval meet and greet that no toxic fumes can ever escape the site. We have heard knowledgeable experts say this isn't true. Were we lied to?

2. The release of great heat in our high wind, officially designated High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZs) by both CAL FIRE and the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD). The wind can be incredibly strong. A telephone pole on this very site was blown down just weeks ago. Is it absolutely guaranteed no particles flying through the air will be lit if a container burns?

3. Groundwater in case of disaster. We are all on wells. My well will be yards away from this site. Will it be guaranteed (and I mean legally guaranteed) that no thermal runaway incident requiring large amounts of water will not contaminate our water? Why put this next to homes? There is so much open land not far away. "Ah, but it is natural preserve!" I am all for reasonable natural preservation, but human communities come first.

4. I understand some improvements have been made on these systems since other disasters like Moss Landing, But this is still new technology and I believe it should be kept from populated areas. Not every scenario has been tested with the current "fixes." Also, with a little patience, we don't need to lock ourselves in to these giant 30-40 year facilities. Much better and safer energy solutions are not far away,

Now, beyond family safety is the radical change of our beautiful Acton rural community into a HUGE industrial site. I am not sure how this could even happen! Add to that the High Walls around this entire project which will forever destroy our view. This doesn't need to be here.