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Hazardous Facility Setback Requirements

Dear CEC Staff,

The applicant fails to comply with the required minimum setback of 2000' from residences, per Policy 6.10.10 (page 599 of Application Part 1 (#270250 filed 5/27/2026)). There are many residences closer than 2000' from the facility. If the applicant implements lithium iron phosphate battery technology, there is the significant possibility of thermal runaway and explosion.

Policy 6.10.10 Distance From Residences.

(b) Require any facility handling ignitable, volatile or reactive wastes to be sited a minimum of

2000 feet from the nearest residence unless the developer can show that the public is sufficiently safeguarded in the event of an accident. There are three residences on Minto Road that are less than 500' from the proposed BESS facility: APN 051-101-20 (200 Minto Road with one residence), and APN 051-101-22 (280 Minto Road with two residences).

Please deny this project application because of the inability to comply with Policy 6.10.10 and public safety risk.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner