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## **Power We Don't Need**

I hear from a friend in Oxnard that community members there have packed into many meetings to oppose the proposed gas-fired Puente power plant. Those residents have reason to be mad. They're already overburdened with toxins and lousy air quality, and they constantly read headlines about how we're heading for a 100% renewable future. Kevin De Leon's SB 584 looks forward to just such a future. But if that's the plan, how do we get there when we implement polluting energy projects like Puente? The state's once-through-cooling policy mandates that NRG tear down old plants that have been overheating our coastal waters. But that policy doesn't mandate any new plants. What if NRG tore them down and replaced them with nothing? An LA Times article by IVAN PENN and RYAN MENEZES dated Feb. 5, 2017 strongly suggests that's exactly what we need to do. It will save ratepayers money, give Oxnard residents a break on air quality, and pose no threat at all to our energy reliability. We don't need it. Block the Puente Gas Plant.