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Re: Hydro Energy California

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My name is Yvonne Croxton, and I am greatly concerned about any project that has the possibility of contributing to the problem of air pollution in our area. My husband Ron became disabled, retiring from employment at age fifty-seven due to lung disease. It is true that he was a smoker, quitting at retirement. However, the air quality in Kern County has greatly increased the severity of his health problem. Pulmonary Physicians have advised that he move from this area, stating his health and quality of life would improve.

As the air has increased toxicity since his retirement in 1997 so has the severity of his health problems! Life for him revolves around the AQI, any time spent outdoors brings about extreme breathing difficulty, such as shortness of breath, coughing, weakness due to the exhaustive effort it takes to function in the valley's polluted environment. Days are spent indoors during the summer heat and in winter from the inversion layer that holds the particulate matter so close to the earth.

The health problems caused by our air not only brings about human suffering, it is a financial drain on many households as well as our county and state healthcare system. There are numerous medications taken on a daily basis, there is medical equipment and oxygen, as well as visits to physicians, laboratories, and in Ron's case several hospital stays during the year's. We have been fortunate to have medical insurance during this illness, for any family without insurance I can only imagine the financial disaster the would have endured!

Ron is not the only experience our family has had with health problems due to our polluted air. There are asthma and allergy issues as well as a daughter who had valley fever a number of years back. Therefore, I urge our citizen's as well as our governing officials to do all in their power to stop any further development of any project or entity that has the potential to pollute our valley air.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Croxton