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To: California Energy Commission members

From Lorraine Unger, Bakersfield

I am opposed to the HECA project near Buttonwillow California. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) tells us that the plant will not contribute significant air pollutants to our local air. The many trucks (450) that will haul coal and fertilizer will undoubtedly contribute to the breathability of my air. There are so many ill children with asthma symptoms in Bakersfield and the surrounding rural areas. We are among the most polluted air areas in the United States. Bring in truckloads of coal from New Mexico is ridiculous. This appears to be a venue to help the local petroleum producing companies rather than a way to sequester CO2. Adding more pollution does not improve our area. Any pollutants from the industrial plant might be mitigated by the company paying for clean air projects outside Kern. Unfortunately the localized air will affect folks living in Tupman and Buttonwillow. These are poor under served communities and creates an environmental justice issue.

Thank you,