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Date: 9/25/2013 11:10 AM
Subject: Hydrogen Energy Project.

Dear sir,

As a resident of Kern county, CA., I would like to express my views on the proposed project at Buttonwillow, CA.

Like most, I too am concerned about the quality of our air & water in this valley. I believe, however, that the root cause of our bad air and bad water is not the few industrial facilities located here. Agriculture, the biggest industry here, has for eighty years, has been allowed to poison our groundwater, spray insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers into our air, and burn off all their trash at will.

I have been a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, local 12 for seventeen years. I am a crane operator that has worked more than a few big power plants and refineries in this area. I've seen the millions of dollars these plants have spent to make them clean. I know the regulations these facilities have to comply with are more than enough to insure a safe and clean plant. My main concern is jobs. We, the working people of the Bakersfield area need these jobs. The families need these jobs. I need this job. I heard people complaining about the 400 trucks in and out all day. That to me means 400 truck drivers will have jobs. Construction hands, such as myself, will have jobs. I too live on Stockdale hwy. if I am inconvenienced a little, it's a small price to pay so that we have jobs. Please sir, lets stop all the delays and get started building this thing. We the people of Kern County need these jobs.

Sincerely,

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