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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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I'm a neighboring farmer to HECA. I Challenge that HECA did not do an alternative site study. Isn't that a required part of your process?

HECA did turn in paperwork on alternative sites. But their paperwork is bogus. The number one alternative property that they identified in their study was my land. But they did not approach me to purchase my land. I have no idea how they filled out their paperwork without my knowledge, and I have no idea how they did their research on my property. It makes you wonder if they approached the other few properties they mentioned in their alternative site study. The Kern County Board of Supervisors identified this failure to the CEC in writing in February, 2013. They asked the CEC to investigate if the other property owners were approached by HECA. Yet the CEC has not responded to Kern's questioning.

This bogus alternative study should alert everyone to the character of the people proposing HECA. This report is shady. What else are they doing underhandedly? Are you looking into their bogus alternative study?

And it is a shame that HECA selected prime farm land for their chemical factory. From this rich farm land you can see sterile, alkali land within a mile or so. Certainly there are multiple appropriate sites HECA could have chosen.

As an example, To calm concerns about HECA being new, risky technology, Seyed Sedredin from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District stated before the Board of Supervisors in February that a similar project is located in North Dakota, and it is successfully sequestering CO2. Well, that company pipes its CO2 over 200 miles away to sequester it. With a 200 mile radius, HECA has vast options for an alternative site other than on prime farm land. Maybe marginal land. Maybe land not in the dirtiest air in the nation. But they have a 200 mile radius per the head of the Air District.

Please re address the alternative site study and ask HECA to look for an alternative site, and as the Kern County Board of Supervisors asked, a site not on prime farmland. But maybe your hands are tied. Didn't the DOE say they would not give HECA the federal money if the site got changed after 2010??? How can you do a true assessment with pressure like that from the DOE? And SCS did not even own HECA in 2010.

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