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Comment on Hydrogen Energy

I write to express my concerns with the proposed Hydrogen Energy California project being considered for development in Kern County. California has made considerable strides to eliminate dirty coal from its energy portfolio. We cannot move backwards in this important effort. From the mine to the smokestack to the waste left behind, coal is irrevocably dirty. This project would rail coal from New Mexico, through California and then possibly rely on dirty trucks to ship the coal from the rail depot to the plant. While the project alleges to be "clean," it would emit unsafe levels of pollution, including pollutants that cause smog. Kern County already has the dirtiest air in the nation. We simply cannot afford any more pollution, especially from a coal plant. In addition to the dirty air and problems from coal, the project proposes to use an unacceptable amount of water. As currently planned, the project would consume upwards of 7,500 acre feet of water every year.

Please decline the new coal project plans.

Numerous residents have expressed their concerns.