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**Objection to proposed HECA project from League of Women Voters Kern Co**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

Re: HECA 08 AFT 8A  
California Energy Commission

The League of Women Voters of Kern County strongly objects to the Hydrogen Energy California project (HECA) which is proposed to be constructed in Kern County. We have several unanswered concerns about this project.

1. What is the primary purpose of this facility? Electric energy can be more cleanly produced by wind turbines and solar panels. The Central Valley already has an abundant supply of fertilizer which this facility will produce.
2. We are concerned about the air pollution this facility will generate through its use of coal shipped by rail from New Mexico and trucked to the facility from Shafter. In addition, trucks will be used to move fertilizer and waste produced by the plant.
3. We are very troubled about the eminent dangers of anhydrous ammonia, heavy metals, ammonium nitrate and carbon pollution one mile from the town of Tupman and 25 miles from Bakersfield.
4. There is much controversy over the use of water from the Buena Vista Water Storage District for this project. The brackish water which they plan to sell to HECA could be replaced with salty water which cannot be used by people or for agriculture.
5. No plan has been created to deal with the production by HECA of the 940 tons of waste.

The League of Women Voters, nationally and state-wide, has taken positions calling for the preservation of the physical, chemical and biological ecosystems, with maximum protection of public health and the environment. In addition, the LWV promotes measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources.

Lois Watson, President, on behalf of the board of directors  
League of Women Voters Kern County  
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