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Mr Fay
Hearing Officer, CEC
Victorville 2 Power Plant Project

Mr Fay:

Thanks for an interesting session on the Victorville 2 plant proposed by the City of Victorville. It was very informative.

I had prepared some brief comments with the hope that I would have an opportunity to present them at the hearing. Unfortunately, as you know, the hearing ran long and I was not able to speak. I have included the comments below that I would have presented at the public hearing today.

While I am in favor of the VV 2 plant project, I encourage the CEC to challenge Victorville on every claim of "no environmental impact", especially in the areas of water utilization and air quality.

Thank you.

Scott Eckert
Concerned Citizen

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Comments prepared for 6/8/07 CEC VV 2 Plant Hearing:

Good afternoon.

My name is Scott Eckert and I am here today as a concerned citizen to ask the Commission to please always protect the public's interest and be our watch dog over this project. I understand that a CEQA Environmental Impact Report is not required for this project, but after discussions with several of your staff, it appears that adequate environmental reviews and safeguards will be in place to properly review the city's proposal and protect the public's interest.

What prompted me to speak today is the fact that the City of Victorville has a rather poor recent history of approving major projects within their jurisdiction without the proper concern for environmental impacts. In two recent cases, they have issued a Negative EIR Determination in cases where significant environmental impacts should have been anticipated.

In one case, the city approved a massive Super Wal-Mart project near I-15 and Bear Valley without requiring an EIR. The city and developer were subsequently sued to stop the project and an EIR is currently being performed.

In the second case, the City of Victorville actively recruited a company called Nutro Products to build and operate a dog food manufacturing plant adjacent to thousands of residents and several schools. The plant was approved by Victorville after a Negative EIR Determination was made and shortly thereafter the plant began emitting nauseous dog food odors to the surrounding area. The plant has impacted surrounding property values, affected people's health, and generally ruined the quality of life for those living near the plant. The plant has been issued a Notice of Violation by AQMD and is currently being fined $10K per day and several lawsuits have been filed against Nutro Products.

I mention these two projects to highlight the fact that the City of Victorville seems to sometimes have a "build it at any cost" mentality. I ask you to carefully review the city's application for this project and to pay special attention to the city's environmental impact claims that may affect the quality of life of high desert residents. We don't want another "Nutro dog food plant" in Victorville.

Thank you.

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