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HECA Neighbors supports Greenaction's call for a new hearing with outreach to Spanish speakers.

RE: Preliminary Determination of Compliance hearing by San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for Hydrogen Energy California 08 AFC 8A

HECA Neighbors has members and employees of members who are Spanish speaking. These folks have been overlooked by the SJVAPCD with a hearing for the Determination of Compliance that did not involve the Spanish speaking community. Environmental justice communities are more vulnerable to pollution risks than the average population. With significant new emissions from HECA going into air declared by the American Lung Assoc. to be the most polluted in the nation and with our extreme nonattainment, public participation by people working so closely to HECA is important. Just an extension of the public comment period is not enough of an outreach to involve them in the process. Months ago Spanish speaking field workers wrote and asked what will be in the air they breathe. We understand these workers want an explanation as to how the purchased offsets are protecting them from the tons of new emissions. You need to help them ask those questions and others and get truthful answers they understand.

On behalf of the Spanish speaking people so impacted, HECA Neighbors demands a new public hearing that includes outreach to them. Hearing should be properly noticed in Spanish in communities most impacted, especially Buttonwillow, Tupman, Wasco (unloading terminal), and Shafter (transportation avenue). Hearing should be held in the general area (Buttonwillow has a senior center and a school). And the public comment period should be extended until a reasonable period after the hearing.

Appreciate your timely action.

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CALIFORNIA PROJECT**

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Dated: April 9, 2013 _____

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