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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to address my concern regarding the proposed power plant being built in the City of Vernon. I am concerned about the environmental impact to my **already over polluted community** by this project. The process of generating electrical power through a Combined Cycle Generating Facility (CCGF), where the emissions from the ammonia will produce NO_x and SO_x producing PM2.5, will be traveling into out neighborhoods, a dust size particle that once entered into our lungs causes respiratory problems and additional health concerns.

I am especially concerned that the CEC and SCAGMD have made it possible for the Vernon Power Plant (VPP) to acquire additional ERCs, severely disregarding the air emissions and crucial data. The following information was underestimated, disregarded or left out completely:

- Aqueous Ammonia will be used to control the NO_x and SO_x being released in the air. PM2.5 will be produced from this process and there is no way to get rid of it
- This ammonia compound is at 19% concentrate; at 20% concentrate the federal government considers it a hazardous material.
- Data and impacts from PM 2.5 (particulate matter) which can increase respiratory harm, cancer and mortality where disregarded
- Only 25% of the 943 MW of power are need for the City of Vernon and that the rest will be used for **PROFIT**
- That the City of Vernon chose not to reply to all the requests from the CBE – Community for a Better Environment
- The ability to purchase so many emission reduction credits at a cost of over \$98 million dollars in an already polluted area, since these are pollution credits to offset cancer units at a higher rate than is required under federal law.
- They will be producing more than 1.7 million pounds per year of pollutant emissions, which is the biggest contribution to global warming.
- This site has 1.5 million residents **within a 6 mile radius** - not counting workers
- This power plant will be about 4 miles from downtown Los Angeles, and the venues that the city thrives on – Staples, Convention Center, Music Center, USC, Exposition Park, the Financial Center of the city, flower mart, all the newly built lofts, and the large retail and wholesale shopping areas.

Furthermore, the inadequacies listed above are detrimental to the vulnerable populations **who live and work** by this power plant. I urge you to carefully consider these facts and support our cause – **No Vernon Power Plant**.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

Sincerely,

