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San Diego's Union Tribune on Monday, January 21, 2013, in the *Earth Watch* column had this to say about fossil fuels:

Black soot spewed into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels, wood and cropland has a far greater impact on climate than previously thought, **according** to new research.

In a report published in the *Journal of Geophysical Research-Atmospheres*, scientists say the pollutant is second only to carbon dioxide as the most powerful driver of climate change.

They add that black carbon also kills more than a million people each year who breathe it in.

The report says tackling soot would have an almost immediate cooling effect on the planet because of the brief time it remains suspended in the atmosphere.

The researchers recommend reducing emissions from fossil fuels, diesel engines and domestic wood and coal fires as the best way to tackle the problem.

California has been a leader in energy reform. Please continue that direction. Do not let back room deals and intensive lobbying from out-of-state applicants and short sighted profit seekers deter the real goals of our great state.

Do no slap Mother Nature in the face by allowing natural gas power plants.

Sincerely,  
Judi Ravetti