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RE: Docket Number 12-AFC-03 (Redondo Beach AES Power Plant Application)

I am writing to voice my concerns about AES's application to rebuild their Redondo Beach plant in the current high density residential location. I live with my wife and two kids in our house located 4000 feet up the hill due east of the current power plant. The smoke and pollution of the current power plant blows through my neighborhood on a regular basis and early morning and late night noise is often and extremely unsettling. It is my understanding that if the CEC approves a new power plant to be built on the current site it will operate far more often than the current 5% and emit 5-15x more dangerous pollutants from the proposed lower smoke stacks into the residential neighborhoods that surround it like a natural amphitheater. I'm writing to urge you to please do not let this happen.

Adjacent to my house, and also in the line of the pollution stream, are 3 schools: Redondo High School, Parras Middle School and Beryl Elementary School. It is unconscionable that the 3000+ students at these schools would be exposed to higher levels of pollutants as a result of the approval stroke of the CEC pen. Please think hard about the impact that your approval decision will have on the health and welfare of our young students, and whether or not a new power plant is really needed at this time, at this location, and at the cost of our kids' health.

I attended the Redondo Beach School Board meeting in December where 6 student athletes from the High School and Middle School addressed the Board regarding the impact of the current pollution emitted from the AES power plant. After listening to each of their well-presented testimonies, and learning that all 6 athletes have been diagnosed with childhood asthma, I realized that the impact of AES' pollution is REAL. My high school aged son grew up in Redondo his whole life and is a 3-sport athlete also with childhood asthma. My daughter doesn't play sports and doesn't have asthma. I truly believe that there is a strong connection between currently high rates of childhood asthma in Redondo and the proximity of AES' toxic emissions. Therefore, I'm asking you to think about your own kids/grand kids and whether you would want them exposed to excessive pollutants if they were in our kids' shoes. Please do the right thing and deny AES' application to rebuild the Power Plant in Redondo.

Thanks,

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