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The Antelope Valley community is located 75 miles North of Los Angeles in the Antelope Valley A.Q.M.D. jurisdiction made up of City of Lancaster (COL) and the City of Palmdale (COP) officials as well as L.A. Co. 5th Dist. Supervisor.

Our school-related toxic issue stems from a proposal to build a 570 mega watt gas fired power plant built on the Northern Border of COP. The plant calls for 90% natural gas and only 10% solar component.. The plant will emit tons of 2.5 PMs directly up-wind of about a dozen schools in the COL and will pose NO threat to schools in the COP as prevailing winds are from the So. West nearly 75% of the year.

The affected students populations are already far below State averages and overwhelmingly made up of minority populations.

Our Air Quality Manager has stated that on a scale of 1 to 10 the proposed power plant will rate a **10 PLUS**.

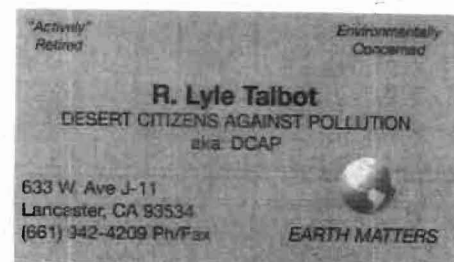
In the past decade I conducted a survey of school nurses who must administer, in office, students use of inhalers and the astounding ratio of 1 out of 8 prevailed at the time and could be far greater at the present and a new survey should be conducted to reflect the current numbers of the afflicted.

Speaking of up-dates the Environmental Justice component for the power plant was based on the year 2,000 census and it should reflect the census figures for the year 2010 as many more minority students now inhabit the area due to the Section 8 Housing Program influx over the past decade in our school districts.

The burning question remains...why would the California Energy Commission grant a permit to build in the vicinity nearly **EIGHT THOUSAND PLUS STUDENTS ??**

SPEAKER R. LYLE TALBOT's experience/background:
Four years U.S. Air Force as an Aerial Mapper including during the Cold War making bombing charts of Russia.
Thirty three years with L.A. County Surveyor (25 years retired).
Fifteen years working on military and civilian toxic and chemical clean up operations in the continental United States, including sitting on the Restoration Advisory Boards at Edwards A.F.B. and Air Force Plant 42, the site of the subject Power Plant.

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We're living risky in Antelope Valley

Health, wellness should be a 'community effort'

BY PHILIP BENTON
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VALLEJO — Just as Lawrence Berkeley Lab's official study found that stress rates a leading health problem in valley, a new report from a regional health center says that Antelope Valley residents' health status is worse than in Los Angeles County.

Speaking Thursday in front of 200 local newspaper and community leaders in Palmdale, Calif., the study's author, Dr. Philip Bent, said Antelope Valley residents' likelihood of dying from conditions like diabetes, heart disease and lung cancer is greater than for people elsewhere in Los Angeles County.

"It's alarming the people in this area are made together and need to be a better place," he said. "We need to be a better place."

Bent is a member of the United Way's Antelope Valley Region, a health

division of Antelope Valley Partners for Health and Livability. Community health is a quality management program.

Two separate studies at the Antelope Valley United Way's annual annual (200) Economic Summit, and Antelope Valley residents' age-adjusted mortality rate per 100,000 population is 205 for Antelope Valley residents, compared to 158 for Los Angeles County overall. Of the categories, compared to 21 statewide, 50 for stroke, compared to 41 statewide and 44 for diabetes, compared to 22 statewide.

"There's, in fact, Antelope Valley's age-adjusted mortality rate is 205 per 100,000 population, compared to 158 statewide."

He suggested setting a goal of halving the Valley mortality rate to 100 — just like Valley officials set with a goal of lowering the average

stroke rate to 100 per 100,000 residents.

Officials at the summit, conducted in a breakfast meeting at the Antelope Valley Country Club, agreed that a community effort can help improve Valley residents' health. They said improving the health of the valley work force means economic success.

"The best thing about this summit is that it brings all the right people together," Palmdale School District trustee Sandy Gonzalez-Rivera said, among education, health care and business leaders. "This can be our next great victory together."

Palmdale School District's health promotion program is 30% higher than they would be elsewhere in Los Angeles County, representative of the Valley's overall trend.

Mortality rates

Age-adjusted rate per 100,000	Antelope Valley	LA County
Water-related accident	77	30
Emphysema	67	27
Lung cancer	51	35
Diabetes	44	25
Stroke	50	41
Secondary heart disease	226	158
Colon cancer	19	15
Breast cancer	27	23
All causes (not in Green Sheet)	205	158

Source: County Department of Public Health, 2008. Age-adjusted rates per 100,000.

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