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## **Just say No**

I won't go into the many reasons Quail-Brush needs to be put to rest. Many already have. In their second request for suspension, Cogentrix, a company located 3,000 miles away has the audacity to say that San Diego needs the whole 100MW of power this monstrosity will produce. Well, San Diegans know what they want, and they don't want Quail-Brush. What nerve Cogentrix has to travel to another state and decide the only viable alternative for a natural gas power plant is open space adjacent to a Regional Park, within 1000 feet of Santee homes and close to schools and parks. THE ONLY SITE IN SAN DIEGO. I'm a citizen of Santee and protested this plant. We were told point blank what we wanted doesn't matter because they will build in San Diego Doesn't matter? That seems to be the prevailing attitude of this company. Repeatedly when interveners requested information, many questions were answered essentially with "It's none of your business" Cogentrix doesn't care about ruining our environment and poisoning our air. They stated things like their 11 hideous smokestacks would line up so they'll look like two; that the construction and operation of the plant would be no noisier than having nothing there. My favorite was that tanks containing potentially 30,000 gal of oil ( 3- 10,000 gal tanks) couldn't possibly catch fire because there is no air in the tanks and fire needs air to burn. A study was done in Taiwan on the 242 reported tank accidents over the last forty years. 33% were caused by lightening, either direct strikes or caught fire from the secondary electromagnetic stimulation from a storm. Other causes were equipment failure, cracks, ruptures and leaks, static electricity, open flames and human error ( like the worker who struck a match to check the oil level, ignited fumes and caused an explosion in 2001) Unfortunately property losses are rarely reported and information about these accidents is very hard to find When asked what they would do in a fire situation, Cogentrix replied they'd turn the gas off and go to a safe room. The people in Santee have no safe room. We depend on you to protect us from greedy predators like Cogentrix. There will NEVER be an appropriate time to build a natural gas power plant in an environmentally sensitive open area, in a very high risk fire zone, proximal to homes, schools and parks. NEVER Please make that clear in your decision to not grant them a second extension. Request they withdraw totally. And, there is no mitigation for poisonous air. Sincerely, Margie Logue P.S .Cogentrix started these plans in 2011. Granting then another year of suspension will make it 2015. Two years for construction 2017. The company and their ideas are outdated already