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Redondo Beach Power Plant

Dear Ms. Kelly,

We all understand why the coast of California is dotted with Power Plants that used the ocean water as part of their cooling system. I grew up in Long Beach and remember when there was a power plant on the beach at the mouth of the river in Seal Beach where I learned to surf. The Seal Beach power plant was torn down many many years ago and replaced with a number of power plants away from the beach adjacent to the 405 freeway where they take water out of Alamitos Bay and use the river to return it to the ocean.

Unfortunately that is not an option where I live in Redondo Beach. The plant is just across the street from King Harbor and the beach, a major recreation area in our local community. A recreation area used not just by residents of Redondo Beach but used by crowds of inlanders who come to the beach when it gets hot. I understand that soon AES won't be able to use ocean water for cooling and they will have to build a new plant with a different system for cooling.

So now there is no reason for them to build the new power plant at the beach. The property can be put to a much better use and could be sold by them at a great profit and the land could be replaced with much cheaper land far away from the beach. It is a mystery to me why they would want to build a new plant here.

As our population grows, I know there will be more power plants in the future but they are not making anymore coastline in California. Please help us improve our beach environment by denying them approval to build and operate here.

Thank you,

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