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## **Help Stop New AES Redondo Power Plant**

Patricia,

I am writing you in regards to the Redondo Beach Power Plant and the AES application to Repower. As a Redondo Beach resident for the past 12 years and a father of 2 children I strongly appose AES' plans to Repower the Redondo Beach plant. While 100+ years ago this site was appropriately placed next to an abundant water source for good reasons. Well as we all know, things have changed and technology has freed us from the need for water and the once-through cooling process. Now with the Closed-Cycle Wet Cooling process, AES has no logical need to be immediately adjacent to the coastline. Our communities of Redondo and Hermosa Beach are some of the most densely populated in the State unlike the community decades ago when this site was developed for power generation. No one 100 years ago could have predicted how this community would grow with an influx of people, but it has. Simply put this is no longer an appropriate land use for our community. Our elementary school, directly East of the plant, has also opposed this Repower application due to health concerns.

I support the process for cleaner,efficient and more reliable power generation. However, I cannot support the Repower plans on this site. With other sites like El Segundo already Repowering and studies showing the lack of need for additional power, how can anyone justify the need for the Redondo Beach site to Repower a plant that runs 5% of the time. If AES still feels the need to expand their production, I'm sure there are other sites that are more appropriately zoned for this type of use. Obviously, with the new technology AES is not tied to the abundant water source as they once were. AES will have to Repower anyway, the current plant will not meet the new environmental standards and will have to come down. This is not an unprecedented move to relocate production to a more feasible/appropriate location. Obviously other cities have fought power production on the coast and won.

Times change, technology changes and land uses change. Our coastal community has simply evolved into a high density residential area. A power plant directly adjacent to our community and upwind of thousands of homes and several schools hardly seems appropriate anymore. Please deny this application to Repower and let the people of Redondo decide what is appropriate for our community.

Regards,

Jeff Roe

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