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Why build a new Power Plant at the Beach?

Why would a power company, like AES, build a new power plant on valuable beach-area-property, when they could opt for far less expensive land, inland, and not sell beach-area-property, or at least do something far more useful with the land?

Furthermore, I can't imagine how much the land, owned by Edison, currently used for the transmission lines connecting the AES plant, is worth. Why would a company not want to sell that land, with incredible ocean views, thus making a handsome profit?

Then there is the question of pollution. Los Angeles county is an area where the wind, for the most part, blows from west to east. If you were going to introduce a plant that polluted the public's air, why would you not put it as far east as possible, thus lessening air pollution to the masses of people that would be exposed to the plant's exhaust?

In summary, both for financial reasons and health reasons, my suggestion would be to build any new polluting power plants as far east as possible.

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