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## **Oppose restart of Russell City Power Plant-Environmental Hazard**

My name is Jessica Guadalupe Tovar, a long Environmental Justice & Energy Democracy Organizer. I am writing in concern to restarting the Russell City Power Plant after a recent incident of an explosion and debris that landed in various parts of the community, including a homeless navigation center. The health and safety of the community and workers should be prioritized over rushing to restart a power plant that is volatile. There should be an extensive investigation into the root cause of this problem and safety upgrades to the plant before considering a restart of the plant.

The explosion that took place in May is unacceptable and has the probability of being worse, should the plant be restarted without safety measures put in place. This incident demonstrates how critical it is for our communities to move from dirty volatile fossil fuel infrastructure to local clean energy development.

Jessica Tovar