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Re Lithium Storage Facility Directly Below my Home

I live in Concord Hill, Laguna Niguel, DIRECTLY above where this hazardous and dangerous storage facility is proposed. The idea that this facility is might literally be in my backyard scares me to DEATH.

Who is going to benefit from this facility? The company from France! Their goal? To make money at the expense of our beautiful community. It will NOT benefit me or my neighborhood … or really anyone very much. FOUR hours of energy in case of emergency outages? That's RIDICULOUS… especially considering the HIGH RISK of fire and toxic chemicals and fumes a quarter of a mile from my house!

We lived for many years in Laguna Beach, near the wilderness area and had to evacuate for fire TWICE. It was terrifying. Forty homes burned down in the great fire on Sept 11 1992. When we lived at Top of the World, we were constantly aware of the fire danger. Do you remember the fast-moving fire that swept up the hill from the canyon in May of 2022 SO VERY QUICKLY? Some TWENTY houses were destroyed in Laguna Niguel.

I hike the hills in my backyard (and where this proposed facility is to go) several times a week, and during summer and fall it is FULL of DRIED OUT WEEDS, MUSTARD PLANT AND CARDOON. If this project were allowed to go forward and a fire broke at at the facility, it would have literally TONS OF FUEL … and MY HOUSE would be among the very first to be threatened.

Putting a lithium battery storage facility in Orange County AND a VERY high fire-risk residential area is simply a TERRIBLE IDEA.

Please let me sleep at night. Please, let's put a STOP to this ridiculous, dangerous project NOW!

Sincerely,

Lisa Padgalskas Hand