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## **Argument against Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project**

When the Corby BESS's lithium-ion batteries catch fire (thermal runaway) , toxic gases and toxic liquids (from water to extinguish the fire) will be released into the environment. Residents live too close to the facility given the foreseeable risk. There is also a hospital and elder day care in close proximity. People will need to shelter in place, possibly for days, or be evacuated. I-80 and I-505 may need to be shut-down (I-1 was closed during the Moss-Landing BESS fire). The project benefit is negligible to the community and the project risks are extremely high for the community. The applicant has not adequately completed the application because they fail to sufficiently address the unique issues in preventing and extinguishing a lithium-ion BESS fire, and fail to address the prevention and mitigation of significant health and environmental risks that would result from thermal runaway.