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I am a concerned member of Kern County regarding this HECA plant. This newspaper article pretty much sums up everything I have to say. I do not understand why the government would consider this area for the plant. We already have compromised air, increased asthma due simply to farming alone, without added coal dust and pollution from 900 diesel trucks per day. The incidents in the past show how dangerous this is to our people and our air quality. Besides the inhalant dangers, we can't afford the amount of ground water this plant will require per minute. We are primarily an oil and agriculture society here in the lower San Joaquin Valley, and already have difficulty meeting the requirements our farmers have for farming. We supply the whole world with our crops, and the government wants to compromise that by taking ground water for this HECA plant. We have cleaned our air quality immensely in the last few years and now the government wants to push us backwards a decade? We can't afford that. We have spent time and money cleaning our air. Even though HECA claims to operate without polluting the air, the trucks coming in and out will contribute greatly to our pollution as well as the coal dust that is lying on the railway tracks from being railed in, and the amount of coal dust in the air just from transferring the coal. The dangers of pumping the CO₂ underground under high pressure is proven to be dangerous not only in the fact that it can leak and spread the toxins downwind to the rest of the county but could actually kill people who are already compromised in their respiratory systems. The fact that it will cause seismic activity to an area that already lies on a fault is absurd. The dangers go on and on. We must stop this HECA plant from being built here in this valley. Who is going to hear the truth that lies in these arguments?

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