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## **No Mission Rock Plant**

To the commission:

My name is Victor Carlos Espinosa. I am from the City of Santa Paula, and live in the City of Ventura. I am a social worker, and my research background is in the field of Environment and Community, M.A.. I submit this comment in opposition to the Mission Rock Energy Center, based in part on the following criteria.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:** From a public health standpoint: low income communities of color tend to have higher disparities in respiratory illness. This fact is especially true within farming communities, such as Santa Paula, where residents are already exposed to harmful pesticides. Older adults and children are particularly vulnerable to pollution created by this project.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES IMPACT:** From a cultural resources perspective; the site sits along the Santa Clara River. This river provided key cultural resources for the Chumash Nation, the original Native American people. Native America cultural and spiritual values involve maintaining a relationship with the natural environment, and caretaking this environment for future generations. The proposed project would absolutely disrupt such life ways.