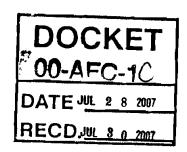
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Visual Key Observation Points
Scenic Route 160 from the Antioch Bridge traveling south

Dear Sir,

In the six years since approval of the Contra Costa Power Plant #8, the landscape has changed. The two paper companies have closed their plants and removed all buildings except on-site power plant and office building. Now the only industrial structure viewable from scenic route 160 is the Mirant (P.G. & E.) Power Plant and the Wilbur Ave. GWF Power Plant.

It would be hoped the future will see the waterfront restored to a riparian landscape. The addition of power plant #8 will certainly cause an addition to the industrial appearance of the area with yet another three tall stacks. The GWF is approaching its 20 year life span and will likely soon disappear from the landscape, leaving only the P.G. & E. - Mirant Power Plant as an industrial landscape.

Because of the present landscape and the possible changes in the near future, the visual impact reeds to be re-addressed and proper mitigation determined.

The power plant construction has been delayed six years at the option of the power company. The power plant was approved during a <u>supposed</u> energy crisis, which has now passed with the fall of power company manipulation of the energy market. A thorough review needs to be conducted. The public must be protected.

The Contra Costa Power Plant #8 was approved after much public input and appropriate mitigation. The approval was tempered with the operational

interaction of plants #6 and #7. Now with the new owner (or could we say the original owner?), some of the common features such as ammonia storage are to be shared, but fire protection will not be shared. The stakeholders must be heard from again. What are the future plans of the remaining power plant structures, both operational and retired?

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