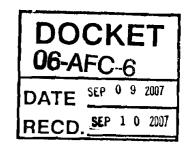
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Re: Russell City Energy Center & Eastshore Energy Center

Dear Mr. Pfanner,

It was nice to meet you at the workshop on Sept. 6th. I didn't tell you then, but I am a certified Childbirth Educator. I am writing to share my concerns regarding the proposed power plants in Hayward.

I heard so much information that evening, but this is what stood out for me. "Disproportionate impact on public health, nitrogen levels in air in this area are already very high and toxic air contaminants not a significant impact on adults who are exposed for 70 years! Here's my concern; what about pregnant women in the area and the exposure to their unborn children? The placenta is not a barrier as was once thought. It acts like a sieve and everything the mother is exposed to, the fetus gets as well only more of it. Is there information on the expected contaminants and the effects they will have on a fetus? What happens when children in the area are born with defects or develop cancer? Who will the parent sue? P.G. & E? Remember the case Anderson vs P.G. & E? Hexavalent Chromium leached into the water system and caused cancers for the local population. They even made a movie about it, called "Erin Brockovich". Will the proposed power plants be using Hexavalent Chromium? Please get back to me about this or let me know who will be looking into the matter.

Sincerely,

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