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This world is full of pollution. In Hayward, energy facilities would like to build two power plants. One for gas, and electric purposes run by the Calpine Corporation. Can you imagine living near a 600- megawatt, or 115-megawatt power plant? You would get no sleep, and might get sick with all the pollution particles that would surround the air day by day.

The whole purpose of these power plants are to get rid of the fireplaces and wood stoves. The citizens are not willing to sacrifice their home fireplaces for the highter products. The companies are discounting up to \$700 dollars. If you think about it, power plants are usually the main courses of all the pollution. Combines with two it will make the cities air dangerous. But the companies say that "building the Hayward plants will improve regional air quality by replacing older Bay Area plants that pollutes more." My question is what will happen to the old power plants? Will they keep them or destroy them? They say that the power plants will help and not damage. It's hard to take sides, I just believe that the best option is to think about the environment

A home is not a home without a fireplace, people may say. Fireplaces sometimes create many problems, like health risks or even fires. Fireplaces are not used every single day, the only time would be in winter time. "Fireplaces can emit up to 60 grams per hour of fine particulates, and old wood stoves can emit up to 18 grams per hour." Some what this is dangerous but I believe that it won't be as much danger than the power plants. They might say that the power plants will help the air pollution, but in what ways? The best way to help the environment would be just to not use any fireplaces, or build anything that will blow out smoke to the air.

The citizens have spoken they don't want their fireplaces being taken away, nor live in dangerous polluting zone. Even If the companies will brag the owners with gift certificates, or discounts. At the end people that always have money will win.