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Please docket this email and the attached as citizen comments for the Carlsbad Energy Center Project, 07-AFC-6

I have the following concerns;

I understand that the CECP Facility will be air cooled thus eliminating the daily need for seawater for cooling. The current plant utilizes a large inlet pipe in the outer lagoon and uses an outlet (hot water) pipe to pump water back into the ocean after it is used to cool the turbines. The inlet pipe has required that the energy company dredge the lagoons to maintain the lagoons at a level to prevent silting up. This dredging has benefited the power company, the Hubbs Research Center ( does research, raises white sea bass for CAL Fish & Game etc. Also the Carlsbad Aquaculture Inc. that raises oysters, mussels, sea horses, abs, scallops etc. for commercial use. The other stakeholders like the City of Carlsbad, YMCA, Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, the Preserve, the Bristol Cove, Carlsbad Lagoon watersports etc. all benefited from the dredging every 5 to 10 years. This dredging operation prevented the opening to the ocean from silting up with sand. It provided the deep water to raise the fish, shell fish by the two commercial and research operations as well as provided the city with beach sand and revenue from recreational use of the lagoons. It is my understanding that the Power Plant will no longer dredge the lagoons. This dredging of the outer lagoon has resulted in maintaining the depth of the water in all three water bodies (outer lagoon, inner lagoon (YMCA) and the main Agua Hediondan Lagoon. By keeping the outer lagoon open it has allowed for the two commercial operations to bring revenue to the city as well as jobs. By keeping the mouth of the lagoon open the entire ecosystem has benefited by affording nesting areas, hatchery for a number of fish species recreational areas and most important it afforded a great tidal flow (5-6 feet) in the lagoon. This movement of water in and out of the lagoon system is essential for the welfare of the system and all stakeholders on the watershed.

As you know the other lagoons in North San Diego County have been plugged with problems associated with the mouth of the lagoons being blocked in the summers and often blown out during heavy rain fall. Water quality is seriously affected the results in beach closures, fish and other wildlife kills. Oceanside has lost roads, bridges etc. to storm water. Each lagoon has requested funding to dredge to keep its outflow from sandbars and invasive plants clogging up the system.

If the power company does not continue to support the stake holders in the periodic dredging the lagoon will return to its natural state of wetlands and marsh.

Request that serious consideration be taken to retain the current agreements between the City, and other stakeholders on the lagoon shores i.e. City of Carlsbad, Hubbs SeaWorld Research Center, Carlsbad Aquaculture, the YMCA Youth camp, the Flower Fields, other farmers on SDG&E easements, Lagoon Foundation, Carlsbad Lagoon Water sports, Bristol Cove Homeowners Assoc. etc.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Laura Murphy  
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The e-mail below was sent to Mike Monasmith who sent it to Laura Murphy for "logging" in the Carlsbad Opposed file.

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I am very opposed to the Carlsbad Energy Center Project for the following three reasons, the last of which is obviously VERY unsettling:

#### 1. INCREASED POLLUTION

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- > Overall increase in air pollution emitted is not publicly
- > stated. In its Nov. 25, 2008 publication, "Notice of
- > Preliminary Decion...", the San Diego County Air
- > Pollution Control District stated the maximum limits the
- > new equipment would emit, e.g., 39.0 tons per year of
- > particulate matter. These limits represent INCREASES, but
- > the current emission figures are not given, so we residents
- > are left in the dark as to how significant these increases
- > would be. The publication states that "These emission
- > increases would be partially offset by retirement of three
- > of the five existing utility boilers..." The important
- > phrase here is "PARTIALLY OFFSET," which means,
- > of course, there will be an increase. This lack of important
- > information, and the failure to put these figures into an
- > understandable context, indicates the District is being less
- > than forthcoming with important data. This creates even more
- > distrust by the public in the whole oversight and
- > regulatory process. Do we need more of this?
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- > A specific Energy Center emissions problem already exists.
- > Our home is located about 1/2 mile north of the Encina Power
- > Plant. Every week, for the past several years, we have

> washed a large, ugly collection of black soot off our decks  
> and sidewalks. It also gathers on our plants. Our neighbors  
> also complain of this problem. Our evaluation points to the  
> power plant emissions as the source of this pollution. The  
> increased emissions now planned would intensify this  
> problem. We also are concerned about possible health issues  
> resulting from breathing the polluted air. As part of a  
> final decision it would certainly be useful for a health  
> agency to conduct, and share the data, of a comparative  
> geographical survey of the incidence of asthma and other  
> respiratory ailments in the immediate and surrounding areas.

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> 2. MISUSE OF SCARCE AND VALUABLE RESOURCE

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> The proposed expansion would add to the existing visual  
> pollution of an extremely scarce and valuable beachfront  
> property. And it would be there for generations to come,  
> depriving residents and visitors of alternative, attractive  
> and desirable uses of the property. This is more than a  
> MIMBY problem. It is more comparable to having a huge  
> outhouse in the middle of  
> your front yard.

3. I am a 15 year breast cancer survivor and moved here to the Coastal Carlsbad area in the hopes that the clean, ocean air and environment would only serve to help keep me healthy. If the cancer returns, I believe I will have a clear understanding of a major contributing factor - the increased pollution and emissions from this proposed project.

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> Sincerely,

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Carole Olsen