

April 10, 2009

James D. Boyd  
 Vice-Chair and Associate Member  
 Chula Vista Energy Upgrade AFC Committee  
 California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street  
 Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: OPPOSITION Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project

Dear Honorable Commissioner Boyd:

I am a community liaison and coordinator for the San Diego Regional Asthma Coalition (SDRAC), a collaborative of over 50 member agencies, that bring together resources preventing and improving the lives of people with asthma.

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP) Docket NO. 07-AFC-4, is in process for vote of expansion and wanted to urge support to deny certification for this project. As you may or may not be aware, the current plant is located within yards of an elementary school and within feet of homes of a highly residential neighborhood.

Our Coalition is opposed to allowing a expanded energy plant in an already oversaturated energy industry laden community and feel this is a blatant example of a environmental health injustice.

Asthma rates among children here in San Diego County as well as the state of California are on the rise, affecting mostly people in geographic areas of social disparities. For example, in the South Bay region of San Diego County, emergency rooms asthma rates are second highest at 388.6 per 100K while even more pockets within the South Bay region rank among top in the state.

The continuation of decisions supporting and allowing such projects as the CVEUP will ensure that all bear the burden of health care cost from harmful emissions. Please vote no and deny the CVEUP project expansion, thus encouraging long-term and healthy energy solutions as part of the state of California vision toward a cleaner environment.

Sincerely,

Melissa W. Stephens  
 Asthma Coalition Coordinator

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