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Re: Quail-Brush Docket # 11-AFC-03

After reading the response by Cogentrix to the interveners questions I felt I had to respond. Cogentrix tells these people to quote a study and wants to know where they get their information. We're just homeowners and tax-paying citizens. Unlike them we can't pay someone to do a study that just happens to come out in our favor, every time, all the time. Our questions come from living here for decades and I don't need a study to tell right from wrong. In response to Rudy Reyes, they blithely state that there is no applicable sound level noted for "Open Space etc"..Perhaps it was not included because when these Ordinances were written it was inconceivable that any industry would try and build on this open space when there is so much industrial space available. They want to take over our open space since it is the easiest and cheapest for them to do. They don't care about San Diego or its people. Another comment about noise "As described in Table 4.3-1 of the AFC, a sound pressure of 35-40 dBl's is faint and equivalent to ... a typical wilderness area" So a power plant with 11 gas-fueled engines, 2-4 million BTU heaters, a standby heater, a mile of 230KV gen tie and a 230KV switchyard plus various pipes transporting various things in a wilderness area would make no more noise than the wilderness area alone. Right. The noise levels may be consistent w"?ith the City of San Diego and City of Santee's standards for an industrial zone, but this is not an industrial zone. It's open space. Cogentrix wants to change tons of LORS that were written with careful thought, in order to build their noisy, dangerous plant because they don't care about San Diego or its people. Another intervene

r wondered about evacuating Santee in case of a fire and/or explosion. It had nothing to do with plant workers. I was here in 2003 and my kids and were packed to evacuate. At that time 52 was not up. We live at the east end of the city. The 67 was closed due to fire. Mission Gorge was threatened. The primary ways out of Santee were through Magnolia and Cuyamaca Streets. We watched the fire come over the hills to the north and span the horizon and I wondered how 60,000 people were going to get out on two surface streets. It was one of the longest nights of my life. Luckily, the wind changed direction and the fire stopped advancing. I think something like this is what that intervener meant If there is another fire both Mission Gorge and 52 can be quickly cut off. I noticed Cogentrix's plans were to evacuate themselves and lock the plant. They have no sense of responsibility for a fire they could make a hundred times worse. (and no, I don't have any study proving that it would be a hundred times worse). But we do worry about all the oil stored up there since no mention of it was made in their response about fire. These are valid concerns from citizens afraid for their family's safety. and the tone Cogentrix takes is unconscionable. But they have no respect for San Diego or its people. I hope Mr Solario and some of the City Council takes some time to read the differences Cogentrix makes in response to the CEC and to the people who live here. It's an eye-opener.