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*Energy Facilities Siting and  
 Environmental Protection  
 Division*

FILE:

PROJECT TITLE: **Blythe 1**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone	760-921-2869	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Location:	
NAME:	Rory Watkins	DATE:	8/6/03
		TIME:	9:45 AM
WITH:	Blythe resident and pilot		
SUBJECT:	Blythe HRSG plumes		

COMMENTS: I (James Adams) called Mr. Watkins in response to a suggestion by Butch Hull who is the Assistant City Manager for the City of Blythe, and is also the Blythe Airport Manager. Mr. Watkins told me that he is a relatively new pilot and he flew over the power plant while on final approach to Runway 26 sometime in December 2002, although he is probably mistaken about the date of the incident since the power plant did not start up for testing until early 2003. His elevation when passing over the plant's HRSGs was approximately 1000 feet, and his airspeed was about 75 knots. The invisible plume pushed his plane up between 300 to 500 feet and scared him to the point that he broke off his approach. He has not flown over the plant since and has advised other pilots to refrain as well. In his opinion, the power plant should not have been sited in its current location.

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DATE	AUG 06 2004
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cc:	Signed: <i>James Adams</i> 3/4/04
	Name: James S. Adams 3/4/04