

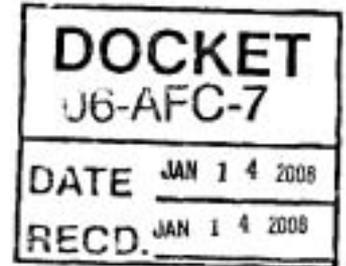
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**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Humboldt Bay Repowering Project - Concern

Please docket to HBRP (06-AFC-7).

Thank you,

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Dear Ms. Turcotte:

Thank you for your note expressing comments and concerns about the proposed Humboldt Bay Repowering Project. We are looking at the potential for public health risk very carefully, and will continue to do so until we are satisfied that the project will not pose a significant risk. The methods for analyzing health risks are very conservative, helping us to hopefully play it safe when quantifying the potential risk, and for forming the basis as to how the risk can be mitigated.

Please feel free to **contact** me for updates on this issue. We will be discussing Public Health and ways to reduce exposure to diesel emissions at our Workshop this Wednesday, January 16th starting at 11:00 AM, and again at 5:00 PM. The workshop will be held at the Humboldt Bay Power Plant Assembly Room, if you are able to join us.

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Kessler,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my email. I've recently learned about the proposal to use diesel as a backup alternative to natural gas in the Humboldt Bay Repowering Project and felt it necessary to express my concern as a resident.

As is common knowledge, for several years now there have been several studies completed and reports submitted that have shown the negative affects emissions from diesel fuel can have. Although I do agree that diesel fuel emissions are not the only carcinogenic air born pollutants to be concerned with, they are ones that can be fairly easily controlled.

"For the U.S. as a whole, the average cancer risk associated with diesel emissions is **580** per million - 80% of the total estimated cancer risk from all hazardous air pollutants (740 per million)."

The Lung Cancer Association put out a pamphlet including this:

"Stationary diesel engines, such as those used in generating electricity, have similar design, pollution levels and control technology solutions as engines used in other applications, and should be subject to comparable standards. California and Texas have begun grappling with pollution from stationary diesel generators. We urge EPA and the states to put in place comprehensive, protective systems for controlling pollutants from diesel-powered generators."

In a time when everyone is building "green" and using more sustainable forms of energy, perhaps large companies such as PG&E could set the standard and live up to the mission statement that is clearly stated on the PG&E Website:

"Pacific Gas and Electric Company recognizes that the choices we make about the way we produce and deliver our products and serve our customers can have a direct impact on the environment."

Thank you again from your time.

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