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Re: Carlsbad's Proposed Encina Power Plant

After attending the recent CEC public hearings, many residents voiced their concern about their safety in case of an accident. The current plant is literally located across the street from a neighborhood, less than 100 yards from the current I-5 freeway (less when I-5 is widened), yards away from the railroad tracks. With the recent explosion in Middletown, CT our fears are intensified. Looking at a map of the Middletown power plant, it is located *outside* of town. What if the same thing happened here in Carlsbad? The Middletown explosion broke windows at nearby houses.... houses that are more than a mile away. Now picture an explosion in Carlsbad. What happens to the 200+ homes located yards away, the thousands of cars passing on I-5 freeway, hundreds of passengers on a train going by, etc.? Besides destroying our homes, shutting down all north/south traffic on I-5, halting all railroad traffic, lives will be lost. Who responds? Not NRG. Does Carlsbad have enough fire and police support to fight fires, control freeway traffic, medical facility? The safety impact on our community is huge. Who pays? Already there is speculation who will pay for the community property damage caused by the Kleen Energy Plant explosion.

A year ago, I attended one of the hearings. I asked NRG if they had a security plan. The NRG representative scoffed at me. He quickly cited his security plan which was minimal. When I asked him about potential terrorist threats, his reaction quickly changed. It was clear no one had truly assessed this scenario. Now I question if they have a disaster plan.

I urge you, please, do not approve this proposed plant for the safety of our community.

Thank You



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