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Dear Energy Commission Officer or To Whom It May Concern:

I feel the proposed Carlsbad Power Plant (By N.R.G) would be a poor decision for this beautiful coastal city. As a student in Carlsbad, I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to have my voice heard on this concerning issue that could change life as we know it, and life for the future generations of people in Carlsbad. Here are my main concerns with the plant:

- The Plant is not the size we agreed to, and it is obsolete technology. This causes major aesthetic concerns such as noise and light pollution. The plant itself is a complete eyesore! (Really, really, really, UGLY!!!!!!) And it is not suitable for our charming seaside community ... period.
- The already outdated plant would also be run at a higher capacity and more often than the old Encinas power plant. Increasing not only noise, but more importantly POLLUTION! The harmful substances (many well known carcinogens!) and "green house" gases would pose major health concerns and cause destructive and permanent damage to the imminent area and world ecosystem! We already know that global warming is being caused by emissions like this, and, according to recent health studies, so are cancer, asthma, and other major diseases including birth defects! This is incredibly harmful for our people and must be prevented.
- There are major concerns as to the safety of the plant ... particularly considering an explosion that occurred earlier this February in a plant in Middletown, Connecticut. That plant is similar to the proposed one. A gas related explosion killed approx. 5 people who were constructing the plant! A blast of this magnitude could easily be expected of this proposed plant .... Imagine how many people that could kill if this plant were to explode or catch fire. The site is positioned near the I-5 (and it will be even closer when widened!), train tracks, and HUNDREDS of family homes! And not to mention the fragile lagoon and coast. This would be a disaster. I think that the use of natural gas for the plant's fuel is risky and dangerous, therefore making it unsuitable for any place near people, like this site!!!! N.R.G did not disclose their plans for potential emergencies, and I feel that they have not planned fully for them (among them are earthquake, tsunami and terrorist attacks!).

The bottom line is that this proposed plant is a bad idea -- a very bad idea! Not only would it have the awful citizen and tourist deterring appearance, it would have a terrible effect on our planet. In these times, we need to more focused on ways saving our planet. This is a major opportunity to make a positive change in Carlsbad; a green change that would preserve my city for the future generations. So, in conclusion, I would be highly and immeasurably grateful if you listen to my words and say NO to this destructive plant.

Please do the right thing and save our planet!

Hopefully,



Tyler G. Smith (age 15)