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Knauf Insulation Permit No. NSR 4 -4 -4, SAC 03-01

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter to the EPA, in hopes that for once, the agency will listen to the appeals of the people to please not grant Knauf Fiberglass a higher pollution emission allowance.

You claim that surveys and records of local health problems are not in your purview; also, you claim that your primary standard is based on "...criteria used to protect public health." Having a set series of numbers cannot be a complete "criteria." There are too many other factors that must be considered, such as locality and population.

Some of us have lived in this area for a long time, predating Knauf by many years. The Knauf plant should have never have been allowed to build here, but the local politicians wanted the tax income; the local EPA representative was a county employee, and he complied with his bosses wishes.

The Redding basin is an air trap, and it includes Shasta Lake, the home of Knauf. There is an unusually high population percentage of senior citizens and retirees, like me. A large number suffer from asthma, like I do. Since Knauf has begun operation, my asthma has really been exacerbated, and so has others.

The pollution emissions already allowed really affect our/my health. We should have the right to live in a safe and healthy environment, but Knauf has been allowed a "taking" of the very air we breathe, even on our own property! There are many days that are worse than others, and we are held hostage within our homes, in order to breathe!

EPA stands for environmental protection, therefore, you have the power to protect our air and our lives. Please do so!

Sincerely, Serafin Jummey Serafin Jimmez