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To: United States Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Calpine Russell City Energy Plant PSD Permit, 08-01 and PSD Permit # 15487

ENVIR. APPEALS BOARD

Unfortunately for my beloved dog, young daughter, and myself, we live in the Eden Gardens neighborhood; which is in the 94545 area code of Hayward, Ca, near the Hayward Shoreline. One would think it would be safe and desired to live right across the street from three schools (a grammar, Jr. High, and Jr. College). But according to Dr. Wit of The Alameda County Health Agency, because of our ALREADY over-polluted atmosphere from the synergistic, not additive effect of the many planes overhead going to two airports, the two close highways, and being near an industrial area; we in 94545 have more asthma, Coronary Heart Disease and Congestive Obstructive Pulmonary Disease than the rest of Alameda County. Also, per Dr. Spurling of Chabot Jr. College, because 94545 is a lower socioeconomic area, we are more impacted by other stressors; such as noise, pollution, and FEAR of nearby huge power plants. So, in all fairness, why would you subject this very high density community, that is already under so much stress (i.e., socioeconomic, worse health, and high pollution) to more stress via the Calpine Energy Plant and it's noise, pollution and many, many acres of visual blight to the area? I can only believe it is for YOUR interest and not that of the people in area code 94545, that you are supposed to be looking out for environmentally.

It is my understanding that when the Hayward City Council originally signed a contract with Calpine for the Russell City Power Plant; it was during the time when Enron had erroneously and illegally caused unnecessary brown outs. Therefore, the Hayward City Council thought there was a need for The Russell City Power Plant. Well, now that it is 2010, and not 2001/2002, we have learned how the greed of corporations are more than willing to put innocent people's welfare at risk. Per Calpines own words in their Chapter 11 filing of their 4<sup>th</sup> Amended Disclosure Statement For Debtors dated September 27, 2007, under section (i) Regional Supply Demand; "Between 2000 and 2003, more than 175,00 MW of new generating capacity came "on line" in the United States. In most regions, these new capacity growth of demand, resulting in "overbuilt", markets, i.e., markets with example, approximately 24,000 MW of new generation capacity was added between 200 and 2003, While demand only increased by approximately 8,000MW."

So, in closing, will you, the United States EPA, be a long-term, forward-looking agency, and agree with the expert Steven Sneider from Stanford University whom said, "that anymore CO2 producing ventures is a step back ". Or will you, unfortunately for my family and our wonderful neighbors, be a shortsighted looking agency and allow this polluting Calpine Russell City Power Plant.

PLEASE, PLEASE, do not relegate my family and neighbors to a shortened, more sickly, life span, by permitting Calpine's Permit to Prevent Significant Deterioration By Russell City Energy Center. DO NOT PERMIT THIS.

Hoping you vote with your hearts,

Sincerely,

A VERY concerned American,

*Karen D. Kramer*

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cc: Citizens Against Pollution