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REGARDING THE BELOW PROPOSED PROJECT:

APPLICANT: *SUNSHINE GAS PRODUCERS, LLC. (Facility ID 139938)*

APPLICATIONS NOS.: *480567 through 480572, 482510 AND 480628*

LOCATION: *14747 San Fernando Road (at Sunshine Canyon Landfill) Sylmar, CA.*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: *Landfill Gas Treatment and Landfill Gas to Energy System*

Mr. Gaurang Rawal & SCAQMD Board,

I would like to bring to your attention an article from the February 27th issue of Time Magazine:

Hazardous Haze
By Alice Park

Eating too much fatty food, exercising too little and smoking can raise your future risk of heart disease. But there's another factor that can trigger your ticker more immediately: the air you breathe.

Previous studies have linked high exposure to environmental pollution to an increased risk of heart problems, but two analyses now show that poor air quality can lead to heart attack or stroke within as little as a few hours after exposure. In one review of the research, scientists found that people exposed to high levels of pollutants, including carbon monoxide and fine particulates emitted by cars and manufacturing facilities, were up to 5% more likely to suffer a heart attack within days of exposure than those with lower exposure. A separate study of stroke patients showed that even air that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considers to be of "moderate" quality and relatively safe for our health can boost the risk of stroke as much as 34% within 12 to 14 hours of exposure.

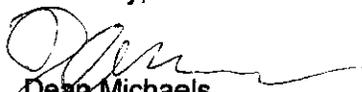
While the authors of both studies stress that these risks are relatively low for healthy people--and certainly modest compared with other risk factors such as smoking and high blood pressure--they are important to recognize because everyone is exposed to air pollution regardless of lifestyle choices. So stricter regulation by the EPA of pollutants may not only improve environmental air quality but could also become necessary to protect public health.

From: <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2106997,00.html>

I have every reason to believe that the AQMD's proposed approval of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Gas to Electricity plant is based on an incomplete understanding of the health effects the plant's increased particulate matter emissions will have on the neighboring communities of Granada Hills and Sylmar. As can be deduced from the article, the most up-to-date research on the actual health effects caused by such particulate matter emissions indicates that earlier assessments--such as those conducted by the AQMD prior to granting the proposed approval of the gas-to-energy plant--will likely be subject to revision in the near future, with results changing in the direction of a greatly increased risk assessment.

I am therefore expressly requesting that the proposed Landfill Gas to Energy plant NOT be approved unless and until the dangers caused by the increased particulate matter emissions near hundreds of residences are more fully investigated.

Sincerely,


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