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To: Brenda Cabral
Subject: Power Plant Comments from IBNA

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Brenda Cabral

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Re: Comments on the PG&E Hunters Point Power Plant Title V Permit (Air District Facility #A0024)

To Whom It May Concern:

We are the India Basin Neighborhood Association (IBNA), an organization of neighbors and businesses that live and operate around the PG&E Hunters Point power plant. We oppose the renewal of the plant's Title V permit with the Air District.

As neighbors, we experience first hand the ups and downs of the plant. Sometimes it's working, sometimes it isn't. Sometimes it sends out a loud explosive boom and then a plume of screaming steam. Sometimes we hear a siren going off at the facility. Sometimes it just sits there making a loud hum, drowning out the conversation of your friend as you're standing in your yard or hiking around it. Having the plant there is incompatible with the current neighborhood that surrounds it.

At the hearing you heard plenty of testimony from many neighbors on how this plant negatively impacts our lives. Some of the impacts we feel are those you can't really see or measure; nothing that would show up on an air monitor or gauges of any kind. Health impacts? Yes. Can we directly link them to the plant as the source? Probably not. Does this mean the plant should remain in operation? Absolutely not.

This plant starts and stops many, many times a month and we now understand that this activity is not counted towards permitting by BAAQMD. Just like an automobile, this is when the largest amount of pollutants are emitted into our air. This is not fair to the residents here. When a plant with as many mechanical difficulties as this one starts and stops as much as it does, that should be formulated into its operating permit and also taken into consideration at renewal time.

We want the City and PG&E, who agreed back in 1998 the plant should close when it is no longer needed, to keep the promises you have made. We witness this plant in an idle state so much of the time and it is documented by the ISO as having been offline the majority of 2003, and now quite a bit in 2004. It is obvious to us that it isn't needed any longer. And we don't want it. Let the charade end. We suggest that you honor the original agreement by denying this five year permit, and setting our people free.

Sincerely,

Cab Covay
Chair, India Basin Neighborhood Association

