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61100 - 3190 Gladwin Rd.,  
Abbotsford, BC, Canada,  
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April 20, 2000

Attention:

Dear Elected Official/Governing Body:

I am writing to protest the construction of the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas fired plant in Sumas, Washington.

I understand this plant will emit more than 200 tons of nitrous oxide, 100 tons of ammonia, 200 tons of particulate matter, 90 tons of carbon monoxide and 2.16 tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is no small project and these calculations do not take into consideration the accumulative or residual effects of these emissions. It seems pointless that we have to pay to put our cars through AirCare each year considering the potential pollution from Sumas.

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I believe that the DEIS document prepared for the application with the energy board - EFSAC has many huge gaps and some very erroneous statements as to the human health effects. The area north east of this plant, which is where the emissions will go, is known to have the worst air quality in Canada. As well, this plant will draw huge amounts of valuable water from the Sumas/Abbotsford aquifer, which will eventually reduce the levels of the farm wells. As to the possibility of the transmission lines coming north into Canada, this is not something that I as a citizen of Abbotsford want to accept. These lines will have a serious effect on our health and economic climate. These lines will be only a few meters away from a Child Development Centre. This does not even address the problem of the contaminates that will be in the effluent coming from the plant.

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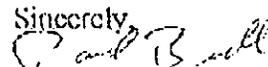
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I do not wish to see this project go ahead and urge you to use your powers and persuasion to put an end to this proposal. Please listen to the citizens that will be most affected by this plant.

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Sincerely,  
  
Paul Buell