

Allen Fiksdal

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Subject: Attn: Allen Fiksdal re.Sumas Energy 2

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Dear Mr. Allen Fiksdal,

ENERGY FACILITY SITE
EVALUATION COUNCIL

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

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 per year and 2.16 million 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!

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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 the the human health effects. The area north east of this plant, which is where these 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 farm wells. As to the possibility of the transmission lines going north into Canada, this is not something that I as a citizen of Abbotsford am willing to accept. These lines will have a serious effect on our health and economic climate. This does not even address the contaminates that will be in the effluent coming from the plant!

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Both of my children have developed **ASTHMA, believed to be from living in Abbotsford** and the only relief that they can find on some days in the summer is to completely leave the area and head for the ocean city of Whiterock. I invite you to spend a day here in the summer, especially after a week of sunshine....you will be unable to make out the local mountains because of the pollution haze. The only reason we continue living here is because it is an affordable community for young families wishing to purchase a home and the prices towards the city of Vancouver are inflated above our means. I challenge you to undertake your own investigation in regards to the pollution in the Abbotsford area and the effects that adding more pollution will have. Your decision will affect the health of over one hundred thousand people - children, especially, have the right to clean air and deserve to be able to breathe without inhalers!

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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,

Paulette Loree

a mother and resident of Abbotsford

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