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Re: Request for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at the Palos Verdes Gas-to-Energy Center

Dear Mr. Acosta:

I am writing on behalf of Environment California, a statewide citizen-based environmental advocacy organization, to request that the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts proceed with an Environment Impact Report (EIR) of the proposed conversion of the Palos Verdes gas-to-energy facility to a gas flaring operation.

Environment California believes that it is in the best interest of the community and in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to request a focused EIR to properly and thoroughly evaluate the impact on air quality of the proposal. The surrounding community must be assured that the second phase will reduce exposure to criteria pollutants as well as highly toxic cancer-causing materials such as perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, benzene and others. Only a fully realized EIR will allay these concerns.

Given the unique properties of this facility -- the extremely close proximity of residences and schools, and the strong concerns of the community regarding the impacts the operation will inevitably impose upon them, we believe it behooves the operators of the facility to perform as thorough an evaluation as possible and to include public input and feedback into the process as guaranteed by CEQA.

Thank you for considering our request for an EIR. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 446-8062 x102 or [Jason@EnvironmentCalifornia.org](mailto:Jason@EnvironmentCalifornia.org).

Sincerely,

Jason Barbose  
Advocate, Environment California

Cc: Torrance City Council  
Rolling Hills Estates City Council  
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