

Community Outreach and Education Program  
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Mr. Glenn Acosta, Senior Engineer  
Planning Section, Facilities Planning Department  
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Re: The need for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at the Palos Verdes Gas-to-Energy Center

Dear Mr. Acosta:

I am writing on behalf of the Community Outreach and Education Program of the Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center, a collaboration between scientists at USC and UCLA. Our scientists study the impact of air pollution on children's health.

We request that the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts commission an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (under CEQA) of the proposed conversion of the Palos Verdes gas-to-energy facility to a gas flaring operation.

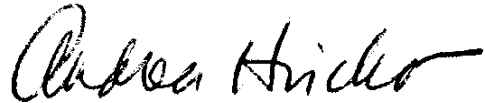
As director of our center's Community Outreach and Education Program, I believe that it is in the best interest of the community and in accord with CEQA to request that an EIR evaluate the impact on air quality of the County's Sanitation Department's proposal. Residents in the surrounding community must be assured that the conversion phase of this facility will reduce exposure to criteria pollutants as well as to cancer-causing materials such as perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, and benzene.

Schools and residences are in close proximity to this facility. We are particularly concerned about the two schools that are in the immediate vicinity of the facility - perhaps within 1000 feet, of great concern.

Only through a thorough evaluation of this facility can the operators conduct a thorough study the facility's impact - and obtain the necessary public input to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at 323-442-3077 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Hricko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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