

May 16, 2004

Jack P. Broadbent
Executive Director
Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Dear Mr. Broadbent

As a resident of San Francisco's Bernal Heights neighborhood (94110) I am writing to implore you and your staff to heed your own statement regarding environmental justice and your commitment "to environmental policymaking and enforcement practices that are fair and equitable to all residents regardless of age, culture, ethnicity, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or geographic location in order to protect against the health effects of air pollution". Please take action and **reject** PG&E's application for the Hunter's Point Power Plant Title V Clean Air Act permit. It is appalling to me to think that any of us, especially you who have the power to stop this, can knowingly stand by and permit the polluting Hunter's Point power plant to continue to operate to the detriment of the residents who live there. Especially appalling when the last two years have shown that reliability of San Francisco's power supply was not compromised during the period that the Hunter's Point Unit 4 was off-line due to breakdowns and repairs. If you are aware that this plant does not meet air quality standards and has caused pollution related health problems for the Bayview Hunter's Point residents, and that San Francisco can meet its energy needs without this plant, how can you in good conscience even consider granting this permit?

I urge you to set a new standard for industry and all of us by denying PG&E the Title V permit. Our energy needs can not continue to be met without regard for human health and quality of life, especially those who live closest to the plant. I have in front of me your flier "Clean Air Begins at Home" in which you state that "lower electrical use reduces air pollution" and urge me to do what I can to "Spare the Air". Well, I am doing my part, but, can you in good faith say that you are doing yours? If you want me to have faith in the BAAQMD to live up to its mission and protect all of our air from pollution, **than reject the permit!** It's time we stopped letting companies like PG&E pollute **our air** because it's cheaper for them. Please do the right thing for everyone, protect our air and therefore the residents of Bayview Hunter's Point, who don't deserve to suffer for all of our energy needs. There are alternative ways to meet our energy needs. Take the important first and critical step in this direction and deny the permit! **In your own words "Spare the Air"! Deny the permit! The public, including me, will support your decision to do so!**

Sincerely,



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