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Dear Mr. Yutzy,

I am deeply concerned about the proposed AES lithium battery storage project.

My house is set approximately 1 mile from where this project will be in the northwest corner of Eldorado. I am wondering if you realize that those of us on this end of Eldorado have no quick escape route should one of these units break out in fire. One of the commissioners mentioned that we have four escape routes in Eldorado. Are you aware that if fire happens with the gusts of wind when 2,000 plus people are trying to scramble out those four exits, that we would all be consumed in smoke and fire because the traffic would not be moving very fast, if at all. As you know, this is not an unrealistic fear. AES has had several explosions at their sites over the last few years, even though they claim that their facilities are safe. I don't want to live in an area where people's lives are taken for granted.

Do you realize how strong the winds can be out here? On average, that is, a mild day, the winds are about 10 mph. However, during the spring months, and even in the rest of the year, we can have wind gusts as strong as 30-50 mph. It would be a very sorry day for us all if an explosion occurred at the AES facility whether or not it happens on a day when the wind is blowing, especially if it comes in strong gusts.

I urge you to deny AES the ability to build a lithium battery storage within Santa Fe County, especially so close to Eldorado, Rancho Viejo, and San Marcos homes.

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