

COMMUNITY HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT!

SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY WANTS A GARBAGE INCINERATOR IN GONZALES – and is not telling the truth to the public!

Our Communities Need Better Recycling, Not Incineration & Pollution!

The Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA) wants to have a garbage incineration plant built in Gonzales. They picked Gonzales as the location without first asking or telling residents. Once again, primarily low-income Latino communities are being targeted for polluting industries. An incinerator can threaten public health and the environment, and can also contaminate the food grown here which would harm the economy and jobs in the region.

The SVSWA picked a Canadian company called Plasco Energy, which uses plasma arc technology. At the January 20, 2011 SVSWA meeting, their staff presentation about the plasma arc incinerator included false claims that “nothing comes out” and that these technologies supposedly don’t emit toxic air contaminants.

Plasma arc technologies are in reality incinerators that would heat large amounts of garbage and then burn the gases, resulting in emissions of toxic contaminants and other pollutants into the air.

Los Angeles, Sacramento, Alameda, San Jose and Santa Cruz County considered similar gasification and plasma arc incineration technologies, but then rejected them after getting the facts.

Community, environmental, recycling and environmental justice groups are working to stop the incinerator and want to increase recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion and other zero waste programs as the only safe alternative to incineration and landfills.

**Let the Board of Supervisors, the City of Gonzales
and the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority
Know What You Think! Contact them today!**

Email susanw@svswa.org to request being placed on the contact list for the Plasco project & to comment on the proposal.

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