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Aliso Canyon Mitigation Agreement

I strongly oppose 26.5 M to be used for the digester in Central California to create biogas. So Cal Gas spewed 109,000 metric tons of methane and other carcinogen chemicals into atmosphere for consecutive months making it the worst leak in the US history and the leak still continuing to create damage on people in surrounding neighborhoods in Los Angeles basin. The damage created tremendous physical and financial harm and people are still suffering day by day now. Methane mitigation should be accomplished first in the area most impacted by the gas blowout by So Cal Gas and the negligence lead by the governing system. Mitigation fund should be used to improve public health for the people who were harmed.

While the methane collection in dairy farm is needed for GHG emission, digester program will create the biogas which is dirty energy and will flow through utility pipelines and no difference to public health threat, leaks, and pipeline damages and will continue to emit methane into the atmosphere. In addition, if they store the biogas in Aliso Canyon, the threat to the residents in surrounding communities and the catastrophic loss of life in the event of earthquake still stands. In any way, biogas can't be stored in Aliso Canyon and the facility should be shut down permanently.

Mitigation agreement lacks the commitment to energy demand reduction. The demand reduction is the key to achieve California's climate goals of GHG reduction. A recent study by the California Energy Commission details the need for deep decarbonization and high levels of market adoption of electrification as key metrics in California's quest for steep GHG emissions reductions. Instead of helping to create biogas, we should really focus on the demand reduction of natural gas by electrification. Electrification in transportation and building should be the focus. The use of gas appliances in the building needs to be reduced.

I would like to change all the existing gas appliances in my house – cooktop, dryer, water heater – because I developed sensitivity to my health from the exposure of the gas for long time and want to contribute the demand reduction of natural gas. Mitigation agreement should include the way to help people like me wanting their house to be electrifying.

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