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**From:** David A Cleveland  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 4:42 PM  
**To:** CEQA contact  
**Subject:** Please adopt a zero emissions threshold for new projects

To: Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (APCD)

I urge you to adopt a zero threshold for greenhouse gas emissions (GHGE) emissions from new projects that will trigger environmental review and mitigation. The overwhelming majority of scientific research points to the need to reduce overall GHGE to avoid catastrophic global climate change. Only a zero threshold on GHGE from new projects will make a significant contribution to avoiding catastrophe.

Its time to take a longer view of the well being of Santa Babara County now, and in the future, and larger view of our place on the earth.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sharon Broberg  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 5:01 PM  
**To:** CEQA contact  
**Subject:** GHG Emissions....set at net zero increase

**I request that the APCB make protecting our climate a top priority by setting the the threshold for GHG emissions from stationary sources at zero.**

We need a "net zero increase" in emissions, We need to be reducing our emissions, not increasing them. New stationery sources of greenhouse gas emissions will undo all the work we've done over decades with conservation such as changing light bulbs, buying electric vehicles, and putting up solar panels.

Thank you,  
Sharon Broberg  
Santa Barbara CA 93103

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**From:** John Broberg  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 5:07 PM  
**To:** CEQA contact  
**Subject:** Net Zero GHG Emissions Threshold

I encourage the District to adopt a zero emission threshold for stationary sources, it is the only threshold that will disclose all project cumulative effects and allow for adequate mitigation. Without this some projects will be broken up into smaller projects to take advantage of the 10,000 MT limit or any arbitrary limit and the District will not achieve the desired results. This zero threshold will allow ample opportunity to mitigate and should not force projects into environmental review if they have reasonable mitigation plans. Exemptions for very small sources should be provided for.

*Cordially,  
John Broberg*

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**From:** Shawn Van Valkenburgh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 5:39 PM  
**To:** CEQA contact  
**Subject:** Net zero emissions in santa barbara

To whom it may concern:

I am graduate student at ucsb and as a citizen of this county I am asking for zero net emissions from any energy company that wants to profit off of our land.

Thank you,  
Shawn

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Claudia Knudson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 7:57 PM  
**To:** dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us; CEQA contact  
**Subject:** Santa Barbara County: Set a "zero net increase" threshold for greenhouse gas emissions

Dear Sirs and Madams,

It is clear that we need to take climate change seriously along with the drought throughout California, we can ill afford to continue doing business as usual. The time is now to make legislative changes that will offset the impact of climate change in our county. Please take action toward protecting the quality of our land, water, and air the safety and well being of the population is in your hands, we rely on you to make decisions that are based on the welfare of our society.

Set a zero net increase threshold for greenhouse gas emissions, at least one that spans 7 years. Let us take the threat of climate change seriously and take measures to turn the tide.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Knudson

Santa Barbara, CA 93103

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**From:** Sally Warner-Arnett on behalf of Sally Warner-Arnett  
<arnetts@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:03 PM  
**To:** CEQA contact  
**Subject:** Net zero increase in emissions

This is to request that the ACPD set the threshold for greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources at a net zero increase. We need to reduce our current level of emissions, not increase them. It is critical that we make protecting our climate a top priority.

Thank-you.

Sally Warner-Arnett  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

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**From:** Delton Johnson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 10:02 PM  
**To:** dvillalo@co.santa; CEQA contact  
**Cc:** Dr. Delton Lee Johnson  
**Subject:** A health issue

Santa Barbara Planning Commission

Santa Barbara County Engineering Building, Room 17  
123 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear friends,

I served two four-year terms on our Ventura County APCD Advisory Committee so I am familiar with the issues before you.

My great wife now has Alzheimer's disease and I have been her caregiver for 13 years. She and I owned and operated a small business in Santa Barbara for 12 years, and I have operated a business in Saugus for about 32 years. I mention this because I want you to know that I am familiar with the needs and concerns of business owners. Business interests are important **but health interests are absolutely critical.** The matter before you is clearly a health issue.

This proposal to allow companies net emissions increase of 10,000 tons, and the proposals of the oil companies are far greater. **Your decision will affect the health of real persons, including many persons yet unborn.**

**There is real need to reduce emissions, and that will not happen if we just kick the can down the road by allowing this increase. Thank you for considering my comments.**

Sincerely,

**Dr. Delton Johnson**

**Santa Paula, CA 93060**

Discussion

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Fight climate change! Speak up before March 25 on greenhouse gas emissions!



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**From:** Marian Cohen on behalf of Marian Cohen <marian21@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 12:11 AM  
**To:** CEQA contact  
**Subject:** Environmental Review Guidelines and GHG Emissions

Dear APCD Community Advisory Council members,

We are writing to urge you to set the lowest possible threshold, i.e. a zero emission threshold, for greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources.

Sincerely,  
Marian and Stephen Cohen

(Proud owners of solar panels which power our home and our electric car!)

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**From:** Nadine Hug Martins  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 12:38 AM  
**To:** CEQA contact  
**Subject:** Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Dear Government officials who will be making decisions on regulating greenhouse gas emissions:

Are you doing everything in your power to protect the health and safety of life on Earth?

Scientists have been informing us for four decades about the effects of releasing asphyxiating greenhouse gases that have been stored up inside our Planet Earth into the atmosphere and in the last decade we're experiencing what they have been telling us.

Are we preparing for the worst and hope for the best, doing everything we can to prevent the catastrophic worst case scenarios or are we continuing business as usual, mining every possible mineral, eroding precious soil, polluting our water, air, soil, causing mass extinction quite possibly our own?

I understand climate change is an incredibly difficult problem we're facing as it touches virtually every aspect of our current lives and I'm struggling every day to do my best to become more sustainable but I understand it requires drastic changes from everybody on every level. But we had civilized lives before fossil fuels so do you think it's possible to become sustainable and if so how?

Our lives today are so interconnected with the rest of the world, do you think we can focus on becoming sustainable on a local level first and can we count on our government to give us guidance how to?

Government regulations are powerful, i.e. we don't have lead in gasoline anymore, no more ozone depleating CFC's in spray bottles...

It's time to make the difficult decisions and I hope you do what's best for the public and not the monetary benefits of a few.

Thanks

Nadine Martins

Carpinteria, CA 93013

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**From:** Kimberly Selkoe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:43 AM  
**To:** CEQA contact  
**Subject:** thresholds for GHG emissions

Dear APCD:

I am writing to urge you to set the lowest thresholds for greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources in Santa Barbara. As a marine ecologist studying human influences on the oceans, I am well aware that GHG related climate change is the single largest threat to the marine life on our planet and locally in Santa Barbara, where our well-being and economy are tied closely to the health of our coastal seas. We all need to do everything in our power to slow the pace of climate change.

Thank you,

Kim Selkoe, Ph.D.