

Calisay, Melody G

From: Phyllis Karratti [splani2@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 3:59 PM
To: Calisay, Melody G
Subject: Better environmental standards for Kekaha Sugar Mill and the proposed Generator sites

Dear Ms. Calisay,

I am a resident of Kekaha and have lived here since 1974. My husband and I raised six children in Kekaha and we love this place.

I have attended several meetings regarding the plans for the generators to be placed here after clean up and also the Kekaha Sugar Mill clean up.

Though I was not on island when your Dept of Health meeting was held on October 18th, I want to let you know that the standards set to clean up the two areas cannot be based on industrial zone standards. This is so unacceptable!

I attended several meetings that explained the difference of an Industrial and Residential clean due to zoning. I also learned about the two testings that were done to see if there were any hazardous materials found in and around Kekaha mill. The first test reported that Kekaha was way above the standard of Mercury, Dioxin and something else, meaning very hazardous to our health and also our children. Also several workers of the sugar mill said they used lead paint in the mill which was not even tested at that time.

The EPA's report noted that we are eligible to be on the "at risk list" for lack of the correct term, of the being one of the worst hazardous place to live.

The second test was done with a totally different method that showed a totally different result. How can Dept of Health base their evaluation on totally two different methods of testings? It has to be the same to make a valid assessment. What happened between the two testings? How was the area clean up between the two reports? You cannot compare the two reports and say that it is okay.

I urge the Dept of Health to NOT consider a lower Industrial standard of clean up of Kekaha Sugar mill and the site for the generators. We live near, around and across of the Kekaha Sugar Mill. I am in favor of changing the zoning from Industrial to Residential to accomplish that type of clean up or whatever it takes to make it better for us in Kekaha.

Did you know that the EPA was unaware that Kekaha Sugar mill was right in the resident living area and not separate? It was not until concerned community members reported and showed them a picture of Kekaha. I am in favor of changing the zoning from Industrial to Residential so we can have a higher standard of clean up.

We will feel the effects of a lower standard clean . It will result in chronic inflammations, ailments of every kind from respiratory, digestive, to chronic inflammation, cancerous, diabetes, neuropathy, allergies, and the list goes on.

I have noticed many of our residents from young to old have so many chronic diseases due to toxins in the environment, in the water we drink, the food we eat, the fishes that we catch around Kekaha due to toxic ditch water run off to the ocean both by St Teresa school and 1st & 2nd ditch. Also gardens are being grown in the Kekaha mill area using the contaminated ditch water. Then they sell their freshly grown vegetables at the Saturday market.

Please do not sign the papers submitted by Pahio company and others for an Industrial clean up at the Kekaha Sugar mill. I want the Dept of Health to care for our children health. Our children, grandchildren and progenitors need a place that is clean and healthy not a "TOXIC" Kekaha.

Sincerely,

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From: Bucasas, Myrna H CONT (PMRF MANU KAI) [myrna.bucasas@navy.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 4:01 PM
To: Calisay, Melody G
Subject: Declaration for our Kekaha Children

My name is Myrna Bucasas born and raised in West Kauai. Original raised in Waimea Valley until I moved to Kekaha 22 years ago. I lived through the red dirt dust that came from the Robinson's sugar field for years before moving to Kekaha. My (2) daughter's were raised during Kekaha Sugar Mill days. Now that I'm a grandmother I'm more concern about all the chemicals in the propose generator site and Kekaha Sugar Mill. We were told of all the high level of chemical in the soil at the propose generator site. I feel that the soil in these areas should be dug up and sent to the mainland. We want more than gravel to cover the affect area and a fenced surrounding with a sign saying KEEP OUT. I understand the cost is expensive. What is more important to ADC and the Dept of health? Shouldn't all of you care for all the residents of Kekaha. It's easy to say it's safe but you all don't live in Kekaha. You are making decisions that will affect Kekaha residents without listening to our ple ad for help. This is only the beginning of our battle. Our next battle will be the Kekaha Mill. What you decide now will affect the Kekaha Mill clean-up. I'm not in favor of the propose generator site. Take it out of our town. Clean the propose generator site to resident standard not commercial standard. God Bless Kekaha.

Mahalo,
Myrna Bucasas

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From: James Beardmore [maluhia@aloha.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Calisay, Melody G
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Subject: Re: Update on Declaration for Kekaha's Children!

TO: Melody Calisay, Dept. of Health
Fenix Grange, Dept. of Health

FROM: James Beardmore, KANAKA School Teacher

SUBJECT: Proposed Generator Site in Kekaha

Aloha Melody Calisay and Fenix Grange

The proposed generator site behind the Kekaha Plantation Office is not a good site. It is next to and directly upwind of the Plantation Office, which is the home of the school where I work, KANAKA. Having lived in Enoki Camp (which became Self-Help Housing) in Hanapepe, across Port Allen and at times directly downwind from the main generator on Kauai, the exhaust is a potential source of health problems. It would be very bad to subject our children to such a threat to their health and happiness. Those who may say that the exhaust emissions would meet government standards are not telling the truth, just as the results of monitoring the cruise ship exhaust emissions in Nawiliwili were said to meet government standards for those living in nearby subdivisions when they did not.

Please see that the generator site is located someplace other than near the Kekaha Plantation Office.

Aloha,
James Beardmore

Calisay, Melody G

From: jwarren22@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 11:01 AM
To: Calisay, Melody G
Subject: Public Comment

I believe that I have made my comments known at the meeting held on October 19, 2011; however, I am more than happy to re-state what I believe should be done. I am angry, disappointed and saddened that although the Department of Health has known that the contaminants in the soil in Kekaha are unsafe for children and residents that nothing has been done to remedy the situation because it is zoned industrial. I don't believe that zoning is the issue. I want the land cleaned up completely before any projects are ever proposed for the area. If the State is not willing or is unable to handle this then maybe we need to ask the Federal Government to step in. Is there not a high enough price tag on our children's heads to warrant the State's responsibility for the health and safety of our children? CLEAN UP THE AREA TO RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS NOT INDUSTRY STANDARDS! Placing rock or cement over the area is simply a "bandaid" not a solution.

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From: deborah begnoche [momobearma@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 9:04 AM
To: Calisay, Melody G
Subject: kekaha's future

please stop the insanity from completely destroying Kekaha's future generations...our fields are poisoned, our air makes keiki, kapuna and pets sick and we have the island's landfill...must you allow further destruction to our aina for the greedy to line their pockets?

Deborah Begnoche