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HECA Project – Public Scoping Meeting for EIS

UPDATED COMMENTS for Mr. Pozzuto,

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING COMMENT FORM

~~Must be received on or before July 27, 2012~~

(Please print clearly)

Using the West, Texas explosion as the example; I am no longer reluctant to express exactly what my concerns are pertaining to the HECA plant (proposed)

They will pollute everything; the AIR, the WATER, the LAND, farmers CROPS; Plus be a severe threat to human and animal life in the area.

If this plant is permitted to be built at Palm Farms and be so very, very near TUPMAN, and BUTTONWILLOW! Death On Our Doorsteps!!!

Then (I) blame the FED. Government for their Greed and lack of concern for us.

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the AMERICAN CITIZENS. I consider this action by the FED.GOV. as a Terrorist threat to my life and property.

Building this plant in the name of progress, is a lie, it is in the name of Greed

Then our "BLOOD" will be on their hands.

Thank You
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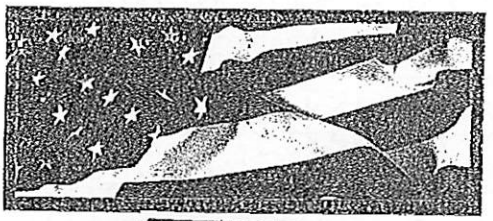

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P.S. And just for the record:
Yes; let it be known,
through-out this land.
I have pleaded for our lives!

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...with Alexander, and her contention that he had grown physically violent.

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Chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm are found in crude oil, other petroleum products and their vapors, and in other chemicals that can be found in and around our facilities.

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Carbon dioxide levels soar to milestone level

This Article

BY DOYLE RICE
USA Today

For the first time in recorded human history, levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have surpassed 400 parts per million (ppm), according to data released Friday morning from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii.

The average level of carbon dioxide over the past five days is 400.03 ppm. Carbon dioxide is the greenhouse gas that is responsible for 63 percent of the warming attributable to all greenhouse gases, according to NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory in Boulder, Colo.

Increasing amounts of carbon dioxide and other gases caused by the burning of the oil, gas and coal that power our world are enhancing the natural "greenhouse effect," causing the planet to warm to levels that climate scientists say can't be linked to natural forces.

CO2 levels were around 280 ppm prior to the Industrial Revolution, when we first began releasing large amounts into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels.

"That increase is not a surprise to scientists," said NOAA senior scientist Pieter Tans of the Earth System Research Lab. "The evidence is conclusive that the strong growth of global CO2 emissions from the burning of coal, oil, and natural gas is driving the acceleration."

During the last 800,000 years, CO2 fluctuated between about 180 ppm during ice ages and 280 ppm during interglacial warm periods. Today's rate of increase is more than 100 times faster than the increase that occurred when the last ice age ended.

The last time that carbon dioxide reached 400 ppm was millions of years ago. How do scientists know this?

Scientists can analyze the gases trapped in ice to reconstruct what climate was like in prehistory, but that record only goes back 800,000 years, according to the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in San Diego. It is harder to estimate carbon dioxide levels before then, but in 2009, one research team reported in the journal Nature Geoscience that it had found evidence of CO2 levels that ranged between 365 and 415 ppm, roughly 4.5 million years ago.

"They based their finding on the analysis of carbon isotopes present in compounds made by tiny marine phytoplankton preserved in ancient ocean sediments," according to Scripps.

"Crossing the 400 ppm threshold is more than a new data point about greenhouse gas levels in our atmosphere," says World Wildlife Fund chief scientist Jon Hoekstra. "It's a sobering reminder that the planet we know today will not be the planet we know tomorrow."

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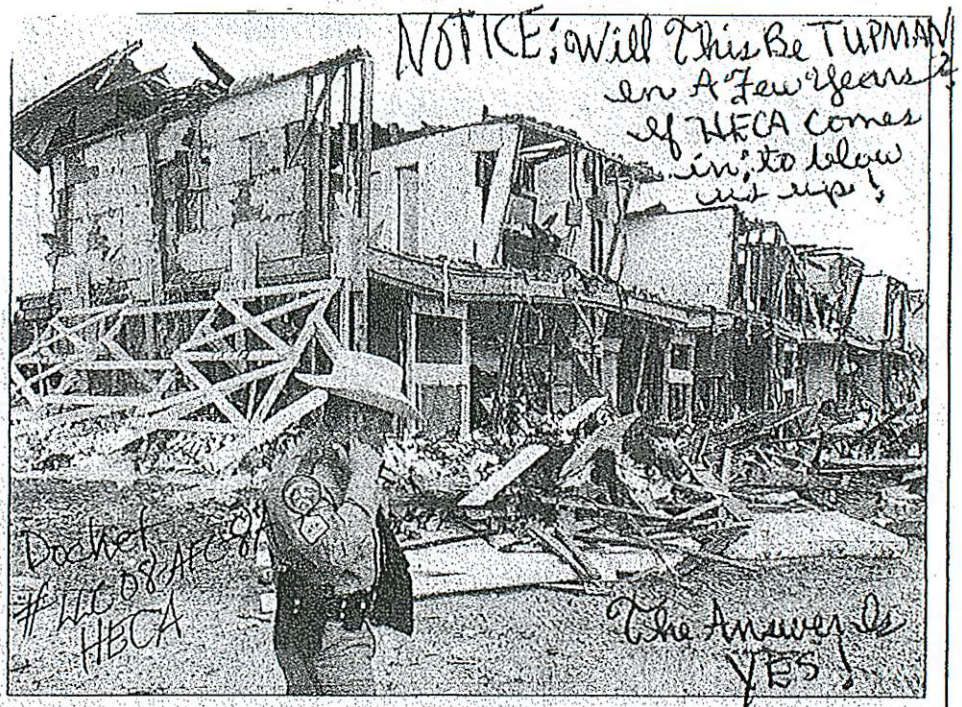

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A policeman stands guard at an apartment building that was destroyed when a fertilizer plant exploded, devastating West, Texas, last month.

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Texas launches criminal probe into plant explosion

ANGELA K. BROWN AND RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI
The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Texas law enforcement officials on Friday launched a criminal investigation into the massive fertilizer plant explosion that killed 14 people last month, after weeks of largely treating the blast as an industrial accident.

The announcement came the same day federal agents said they found bomb-making materials belonging to a paramedic who helped evacuate residents the night of the explosion. Bryce Reed was arrested early Friday on a charge of possessing a destructive device, but law enforcement officials said they had not linked the charge to the April 17 fire and blast at West Fertilizer Co.

"It is important to emphasize that at this point, no evidence has been uncovered to indicate any connection to the events surrounding the fire and subsequent explosion ... and the arrest of Bryce Reed by the ATF," the McLennan County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

Texas Department of Public Safety said earlier Friday that the agency had instructed the Texas Rangers and the sheriff's department to conduct a criminal probe into the explosion. The agencies will join the State Fire Marshall's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which have been leading the investigation and never ruled out that a crime may have been committed.

"This disaster has severely impacted the community of West, and we want to ensure that no stone goes unturned and that all the facts related to this incident are uncovered," DPS Director Steven McCraw said.

Reed was in federal custody. A criminal complaint unsealed Friday afternoon said he was arrested after McLennan County deputies were called earlier this week to a home in Abbott, a town about five miles from West, and found bomb-making materials — including a galvanized metal pipe, canisters filled with fuses, a lighter, a digital scale and a variety of chemical powders.

"After further investigation, it was determined that the resident had unwittingly taken possession of the components from Reed on April 26," says the complaint signed by ATF special agent Douglas Kunze.

An ATF explosives specialist and a chemist examined the items and agreed the "combination of parts can be readily assembled into a destructive device," the complaint says.

Reed made an initial appearance in federal court in Waco on Friday, but did not enter a plea.

Officials have largely treated the West explosion as an industrial accident, though investigators still searching for the cause of a fire that preceded the blast have said they would treat the area as a crime scene until all possibilities were considered.

The State Fire Marshal's Office released a statement Friday saying it decided to continue pursuing a criminal probe because roughly 250 leads have developed and more than 400 people have been interviewed.

Authorities have focused on ammonium nitrate, a chemical commonly used as a fertilizer, but that also can be explosive in the right conditions, as the cause of the explosion

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blinders, seeing the world from higher and clearer summits; toward the negative, some experience drift, fear, uncertainty, confusion, panic, reactive rigidity, banging up against and striking out against foreignness and the unfamiliar. Somehow and at some distant point, things will settle down, but while we are on the road to getting there, things will get rocky. We can expect, as the negative raises its ugly head, that bad things will happen.

And guess what? They have.

Deadly intention is but one face of the ugly side of change which opens doors, and closes others. And it's against the closings that so many deadly intentions occur. Closed are the doors of sameness, uniformity, the homogeneous, the predictable, invariant, the allegedly pure and undefiled. Those who are able to change welcome and flourish because of it, and those who cannot change resist and beat against it. And some get so caught up in the beating against that they turn deadly.

Change for some is seen as defilement, the corruption of the ideal. We strive toward what we define as worthy; we aspire toward what we define as the good, the better, the best. And we, from the basics of our families and cultures of origin, expect that our ways and thoughts are as valued by others as we value them ourselves. There are those who become unhinged when other ways and thoughts filter onto the street and into the air and are seen as dangerous, wicked, to be beaten back by all means necessary.

That's where the worm turns.

Resistance to change is but one deeply rooted part of our human makeup; one element among others in our intricately balanced system of survival instincts. But in some, it takes over and becomes monstrous. Resistance becomes self-righteousness, which becomes rigidity; rigidity thwarted becomes driven anger, which begets all manner of destructive expressions.

There are those whose religion tells them there's only one way, and all others are sin. The serpent be slain and all of his train. And deadly intentions begin.

And there are those who fail in life; who see the achievements or friendships of others as fruit denied them. Their goal becomes to throw that system of rewards out of joint and into such disarray that nobody wins and all pay the price of loss and despair. If I can't win (or have friends), nobody can.

What can be done? Sadly, nothing. Deadly intention arises within and issues from those totally blind to the dark side of what drives them. Their blindness and danger come from their sense of absolute rightness. Their self-righteousness blinds them to everything peripheral to their deadly mission. Containing them and their danger is the best we can do. And the tragedy of it all is that we can identify and find them, if at all, only after their deadly act.

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that other law enforcement, and *if* somebody were still psycho enough to turn their madness against the Senate, then yes, the Senate would pass legislation, as the previous writer put it, "quicker than you can say 'NRA'" — it would immediately legislate an armed police force around the Capitol. I think there's a message in there someplace.

Jim Dunaway
Bakersfield

HERE

We're not guinea pigs

In light of the recent explosion in West, Texas, I believe the HECA project should fold up, be abolished and sent back to New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts, where it originated. It is an experimental plant that has not yet been properly safety tested. Their operation will be much bigger than the operation in Texas.

I fear that an explosion could trigger catastrophic damage in the Elk Hills oil fields and annihilate the town of Tupman. It could also trigger a blow-up of a propane manufacturing plant that is less than a half mile from Tupman, thus damaging the California Aqueduct in the horrible process. I don't believe we should be their guinea pigs!

Sarah Goatcher
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HIT: For decades, Kern County has at the center of some of the m dramatic and significant moments in ae space history. Remember the crowds, by estimates as many as 300,000, packed in Mojave Desert for the early space shuttl ings? Or the breathtaking spectacle in 19 Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager piloting th ager, designed by Dick's brother, Burt, ir world's first around-the-world, nonstop without refueling?

If all goes according to plan today, SpaceShipTwo will take to the skies abov beyond Mojave and in a critical test of S Richard Branson's spaceship — one des to take tourists into space. This first pow flight, according to Branson, will pave th for the real featured attraction: a journey space near the end of this year.

At one point not so long ago, the idea tourists in space sounded ridiculously ir sible. We wonder how many people were ing "impossible" in the days leading up October 14, 1947, when an Air Force pilo named Chuck Yeager, in a Bell X-1, beca first pilot to break the sound barrier.

There's been a lull in tourism activity Mojave since NASA's space shuttle prog ended and a private space company mo away — but only a brief lull. Hopefully, I son can bring some of that back.

HIT: Some justice for state's angle

It's December and your buddies want take you on a fishing trip. You pay $46 fo fishing license, or $123 if you are not a C nia resident, only to discover that it expi the end of the calendar year. That will be expensive fish, assuming you hook one.

Things might be changing. A bill has b introduced in the state Senate that woul make fishing licenses good for one year the date of purchase. The bill passed eas an early committee vote. Perhaps this "a frustration" will soon be a thing of the p

MISS: Our privacy isn't worth muc

What's your online privacy worth to y Apparently, not much more than a merc dise discount. Or a T-shirt. A study by th Annenberg Center for the Digital Future Bovitz Inc., reveals that an alarming num online consumers are more than happy up personal data — and presumably all businesses to do what they choose with data — in exchange for some tangible re

The study showed that 40 percent of I net users 35 and older say they are willir give up personal data to companies so l they get something in return. Privacy co especially cheap to so-called "millennia people in the 18-34 age range. An astou 51 percent are willing to part with perso details in exchange for a ball cap.

HIT: Five of a kind at W.'s gala

A rare political sight greeted us last Th when the five living U.S. presidents got t er for a festive, rather than tragic, occasic President Obama and former Presidents Carter, Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bus along with their first ladies, joined Georg Bush for the dedication in Dallas of the G W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

The Bush Library includes a museum policy institute. It features the largest dig holdings of the 13 presidential libraries.