

KERN CITIZENS FOR THE CLEAN FUELS PROJECT

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Dear Neighbors,

We're not sure if you've heard the news, but Flying J's Big West Refinery in Bakersfield is planning a major renovation to update its operations.

The Clean Fuels Project will allow Big West to produce an additional 1.2 million gallons of clean gasoline and diesel fuels every day – enough to supply all of Kern County. It will also make Big West one of the cleanest and lowest emissions refineries in the United States.

The many economic benefits for Kern County include:

- Hundreds of millions of dollars in new economic activity
- Over 100 permanent high-paying jobs
- Up to 1,200 jobs during the project's two-year construction phase
- Increasing the local supply of clean gasoline and diesel to Kern County, which should help stabilize fuel prices

The project will also double the refinery's property taxes — creating new revenues for Kern County schools, public safety programs and road improvements.

In addition, the project will include innovative environmental programs:

- \$5 Million to reduce global warming gases at the refinery
- \$1 Million to combat greenhouse gas emissions in the community
- Planting 1,000 trees on and near the refinery to absorb greenhouse gases

BigWest is one of the safest refineries in the nation, and its highest priority is the safety of its employees and the surrounding community. Refinery engineers have selected the best and safest available technology and equipment design for the project, including state-of-the-art systems that will monitor operations twenty-four hours a day.

Producing clean fuels that meet California's strict standards requires a chemical catalyst. After evaluating all of the options, Big West engineers and independent consultants have selected modified hydrofluoric acid because of its excellent safety record. Modified HF requires less energy and produces higher octane fuels

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than the alternative, sulfuric acid. In addition, it will take only 35 truck trips a year to supply the refinery with this catalyst, compared to over 3,000 truck trips each year to supply the refinery with sulfuric acid.

The Clean Fuels Project is undergoing a rigorous review process at the local, state and federal levels. In addition, the project will be subject to the latest, most stringent global warming regulations established by the California Air Resources Board. A comprehensive Environmental Impact Report prepared by the Kern County Planning Department will soon be made public. Clearly, we believe the Clean Fuels Project is right for Kern County and will significantly benefit all of us.

Your opinion is important. So please take a moment to complete the enclosed survey, and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope.

We'd also like to invite you to join our coalition – *Kern Citizens for the Clean Fuels Project*. It doesn't cost anything to join, and it's an easy way to show your support for this vital project. To join, just fill out the bottom of your survey. If you would like to learn more about the Clean Fuels Project, please call 661-326-4474, or visit the project website, www.BigWestCA.com.

Thank you.

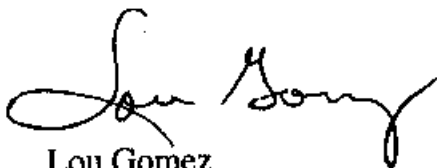
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