

Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee
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T. Michael May
President and CEO
HECO
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Dear Mr. May,

This letter is in regards to the proposed Power Purchase Agreement between your offices and Tradewinds Forest Products.

The nine-member Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee represents the owners of 63 of O'okala's 89 homes. The homeowners have signed a petition in opposition to Tradewinds' veneer mill and co-generation power plant being located in the middle of our residential community due to the unacceptable health, safety and welfare risks involved with an industrial business. Enclosed is a copy of our community's Opposition Statement for your review.

We hope your offices are tracking Tradewinds' air permit application with the State Department of Health. The Clean Air Branch deemed the initial application submitted by Don Bryan incomplete on July 18 (notification letter enclosed). It is our hope that your offices will postpone finalizing any Power Purchase Agreement until this and all permits required of Tradewinds are approved by the respective federal, state and county governmental regulatory agencies.

We respectfully ask that you consider our concerns during your negotiations with Tradewinds. Our community's opposition to this venture is simple: Industrial business has no place in a residential community. Further, the Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Committee, on behalf of the majority of O'okala homeowners, is prepared and committed to vigorously seek recourse with the various governmental regulatory agencies during the public comment phases of the permitting process as well as other activities.

Sincerely,

The Protect O'okala Ad Hoc Steering Committee

cc: Constance Lau, President and CEO, HEI Industries
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