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## Letters to County Commissioners re AES

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To Dominic J. Sisneros <djsisneros@santafecountynm.gov>

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Dear Ms Sisneros,

I've attached copies of the letters I've sent to County Commissioners Greene, Cacari Stone, Bustamante, Johnson, and Hughes stating my community's serious concerns about AES' Rancho Viejo BESS facility. Please include the letter in the AES case record and on the Santa Fe County website.

### LETTER:

Dear Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_,

Despite the concerted efforts of local groups and my community expressing our deep concern about AES and its Rancho Viejo Utility Solar and Battery project, our concerns have not been adequately addressed.

AES is creating a dangerous situation that will cause future economic costs you need to know about.

Consider the recent fire and evacuations near a comparable battery facility at Moss Landing, Monterey, CA.

Moss Landing: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/962330675331079>

My community and others within unreasonable proximity of this project (composed of some half a million lithium-ion batteries) could be permanently exposed to:

- ***toxic forever chemicals from their batteries and fire suppressants,***
- ***air and water contamination,***
- ***noise pollution,***
- ***our high winds and dry brush could turn a small fire into a serious wildfire***
- ***economic catastrophe, tourism impact, from toxic exposure***

There are much safer and smarter ways to use renewable energy. See video:

<https://www.cleanenergycoalitionsfc.org>

With respect,

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