



Lithium batteries

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Hello,

I am a chemist at Los Alamos who started his career working on lithium battery research. I'll keep this short and sweet. Lithium batteries are volatile devices and present an extreme fire risk, and therefore the planned plant/storage facility west of Eldorado places that entire community at risk of being burned down in a matter of minutes if the wind is blowing that direction, which it usually does. Just watch the news on a regular basis as you see lithium batteries catching fire on planes and in public places on a weekly basis. Imagine putting a large stockpile of them all in one place and you can see that the risk escalates greatly. A laptop is one thing, but an entire storage facility is orders of magnitude greater in potential risk.

Please do not allow this plant to go forward, as you will be putting roughly 6000 residents of Eldorado at great risk. The people count on you to make the right decision for the safety of them and their families.

Thank you for listening,
John Rowley
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