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Biomass combustion along with other renewable energy projects for electricity, process use, and/or chemical conversions must be required to report greenhouse gas emissions. These greenhouse gas producers have long experienced "subsidies" and don't have the same reporting requirements as other greenhouse gas producers. I live in Stockton within San Joaquin County and near the Port of Stockton where co-pollutants from "renewable energy" projects harm nearby neighborhoods. Even now, the Stockton MSA taking lead from CARB and the CEC are not including the greenhouse gases produced by these facilities at the same time as taking tax revenues. Uncounted greenhouse gas emissions continue to slow progress to reduce global warming and harmful associated effects. These omissions in GHG emission accounting represents one more way that full accounting of environmental hazards can be discounted and "Findings of Overriding Significance" continue as commonplace allowing new pollution additions to legacy pollution sources. When our governmental agencies which are supposed to be neutral fails to fully account for impacts of income generating processes, these agencies are putting the money first at the expense of those that continue to be harmed. These omissions do not build trust or community cooperation needed for the true behavioral changes that will reduce use of energy. Additionally, efforts to pair these polluting GHG with other processes further erodes the ability of the public to learn the true impacts. Only through full emission accounting can the public begin to trust that our decision-makers are going to have access to the true costs of their decisions and can be held accountable. Emissions omissions continue the historic harms to nearby communities with poor air quality and continued inequality. As I included in comments 4.30.2026 to the City of Stockton without full accounting of emissions generated in our community, we will not be able assess how successful future mitigation measures will be to really make a difference reducing our community's greenhouse gas emissions. Biomass combustion is dirty even if renewable and low carbon fuels made from with long train or marine transportation are bad for the environment and a money making scheme that harms communities. Full greenhouse gas emission accounting is needed now. Thank you for your efforts to improve air quality - more efforts are still needed.