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Merchant Power Plants in Florida?

“A Recommended Action Agenda
for Local Governments”

Broward County's experience

- 3 power plants proposed in North Broward
 - » Pompano Beach - Enron
 - » Deerfield Beach - Enron
 - » Deerfield Beach - El Paso
- public and political outcry

The Commission's concerns

- impact of cumulative emissions
- impact on water quality
- absence of “need determination”
- power plant developers acting in haste before recommendations of Governor's *Energy 2020 Study Commission* final report are issued

Their response

- County Commission imposes 11-month moratorium on issuance of air permits
 - County moratorium expires May 2002
- in that time period,
 - *Energy 2020 Study Commission Report* due December 2001
 - Legislative Session begins January 2002

Where can the County go from here?

- Recommendations
 - Legislative initiatives
 - Local initiatives

Legislative initiatives

- climate change informs the process
- environmental performance standards out-of-date
- needs assessment: FPSC or FERC?
- alternative power system development
- fuel guarantees

Local activities — County

- efficiency and conservation education
- Florida Power & Light as partner
- wastewater treatment plants and landfill development
- economic development and partnerships
- building codes and standards
- ICLEI

Local activities — Cities

- regional energy plan
- sustainable development
- Broward League of Cities
- consensus-building
- franchise agreements
- peak demand reduction and load shifting
- Agenda 21, or equivalent

Thoughts to leave with

- Energy security is about fuel and pipelines, not power plants.
- Florida needs integrated electricity and transportation energy planning.
- We need to work constantly on creating the process — a process of becoming, not just being.



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