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The Politics of EMF Policy Decisions in CA: See No Evil, Hear No Evil.

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An exploration of the political decisions that have hampered the development of EMF health and safety standards for California utilities. The presentation explores the interplay between citizen action and scientific research about EMFs and the political and regulatory response to citizen and scientific developments. Two case studies will be discussed: (1) the suppression of scientific data that indicates the need for regulatory action to impose EMF safety standards when building transmission lines and (2) the application to build an urban transmission line in the San Francisco Bay Area and the politics and environmental justice implications of the regulatory decision-making process.