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Re: Proposed Harmony Residual Waste Landfill  
June 19, 2008 LMIP Comment/Response  
Permit ID# 301355  
Chest Township, Clearfield County

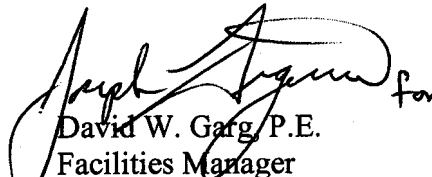
Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the DEP's *Local Municipality Involvement Process (LMIP) Policy*, Document Number 254-2100-100, a summary of an LMIP meeting is to be sent to the attendees within 45 days of the meeting date. Please find the attached summary of the LMIP meeting held on June 19, 2008, for the proposed Harmony Residual Waste Landfill located in Chest Township, Clearfield County.

Please note, the Department is only sending one summary to each organization who attended the meeting even though several members may have attended from each group. Please share this letter and the attachments with other members of your organization.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 570-327-3740.

Sincerely,

  
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# Proposed Harmony Residual Waste Landfill Local Municipal Involvement Process Meeting Summary June 19, 2008

In accordance with the 25 Pa. Code Section 287.202, a Local Municipal Involvement Process (LMIP) meeting was held concerning the application for a proposed residual waste landfill, the Harmony Residual Waste Landfill, in Chest Township, Clearfield County. The LMIP meeting was held on June 19, 2008, at the Harmony Area High School, 5239 Ridge Road, Westover, PA, Clearfield County. Representatives of Eagle Environmental II, LP, their consultants, Chest Township Supervisors, Clearfield County, and DEP, among others attended the LMIP. State Representative Camille "Bud" George was also in attendance. In accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) LMIP policy, Document Number 254-2100-100, a summary of the LMIP is to be sent to the attendees of the meeting within 45 days. The following is a summary of the LMIP meeting and attached is a list of attendees:

The LMIP Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. James Miller, Environmental Program Manager, DEP, Northcentral Regional Office began the meeting by introducing the DEP staff, the applicant and Rep. George.

Rep. George was given an opportunity to speak regarding his objection to the permitting of the proposed landfill. Please find attached Rep. George's testimony.

Following Rep. George's testimony, Mr. Miller, presented the agenda for the meeting and gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the LMIP meeting.

Mr. Eric Chiado of Civil Environmental Engineers, Inc., the applicant's consultant then presented an overview of the project utilizing a PowerPoint presentation to explain the proposed landfill project. The presentation included a map of the site and described Phase I, site investigation procedures and Phase II, the design of the proposed landfill.

Following Mr. Wood's presentation, Mr. David Garg, Facilities Manager, Waste Management Program, DEP, Northcentral Regional Office, discussed the permitting process with a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Garg explained each step in the permitting process including the LMIP process, the Alternate Review timeline negotiation, completeness review, the Harms/Benefits review, the technical review and permit coordination. In addition public involvement was discussed.

It was noted during this presentation, that opportunities would exist for municipal governments and/or citizen organizations to request a public meeting/hearing once the permit application has been accepted by DEP. Copies of the permit application are located at DEP's Northcentral Regional Office, the Clearfield County Commissioner's office and the Chest Township Supervisor's office

Following DEP's presentation of the permitting process, the alternate review time line was negotiated. Part of the requirements of the residual waste regulations is that the DEP review time for rendering a decision on the permit application be negotiated between the host township, host county, the applicant and DEP. An alternative review timeline of 21 months (630) days of DEP review time was negotiated.

The meeting was then opened up for questions and comments from all attendees. The comments, questions and the responses provided are as follows:

1. **Leroy Brink and Kenny Rowles, Chest Township Supervisors:** Both made statements that the project would bring jobs to the area and they support the landfill proposal.

**Response:** No response necessary.

2. **Carl Michael, Chest Township Supervisor:** Mr. Michaels stated he was against the landfill and had the following comments:
  - a. Concerned with truck traffic, disputed 2500 tonnage would equal 116 trucks daily. Stated that the truck traffic would be more in the order of approximately 300 trucks.
  - b. Questioned the stormwater design and the anti-degradation requirements for Exceptional Value watersheds.
  - c. Concerned with wetlands. Concerned about piping going through EV wetlands.
  - d. Against widening the roads for more traffic.

**Response** – DEP will take these questions into consideration when reviewing the application. With respect to the stormwater issues, DEP is very aware of the designation of this watershed and will review the application accordingly. The application review will be coordinated with DEP's Watershed Program.

3. **Kim Kesner, Solicitor for Clearfield County:** Mr. Kesner had several comments as follows:
  - a. When does the 60 day comment period begin?
  - b. The application is inconsistent with the County's comprehensive plan. The county wants to promote recreation, tourism in the area and this is inconsistent with that. The plan identifies landfills as an undesirable land use.
  - c. Traffic associated impacts; the county believes the applicant grossly understated the traffic impact.
  - d. The county is concerned with the environmental impacts to Pine Run which has been designated as an exceptional value watershed. Economic growth is tied to scenic, recreational and tourism value and impacts to Pine Run could be a negative impact.
  - e. What types of waste will be accepted at the landfill. The county is concerned with waste such as medical and near hazardous waste.

**Response** – The 60 day comment period begins with the application being considered administratively complete. With respect to the county comprehensive plan, DEP will evaluate the application with respect to Acts 67, 68 and 127. DEP is also concerned about the designation of Pine Run and will evaluate the application to ensure negative impacts to the stream are mitigated. Finally, the application is for a proposed residual waste landfill and could potentially take all types of residual waste. No municipal, medical waste (which is a municipal waste) or hazardous waste would be permitted to be accepted.

**4. Steve Byers – Bell Township Supervisor:** Mr. Byers had the following comments:

- a. Concerns about traffic and bigger trucks using the access routes.
- b. Tractor trailers cannot negotiate the many curves.
- c. What will the Traffic Compliance Officer do?
- d. Concerns with unequipped fire rescue if truck accident occurs.

**Response:** Traffic will be evaluated during the traffic study review and DEP will coordinate this review with PaDOT. During the meeting Eric Chiado stated they propose to have a traffic officer who will be equipped with a radar gun and will conduct inspect trucks.

**5. Leslie Stott, Clearfield Borough Operations Manager:** Is opposed to the landfill and had the following comments:

- a. Read a letter from council members opposed to landfill.
- b. The land is part of the gateway to the Pa Wilds Initiative.
- c. Borough already financially struggling with upkeep of borough streets.
- d. Emergency response (fire, police, ambulatory) are not manned or equipped to handle this.
- e. Negative impact on economy for area.

**Response:** These are economic and social issues and will be evaluated during the Harms/Benefits analysis.

**6. Barb McCracken, Grampian Borough Council President.** Ms McCracken commented on the traffic and stated there would be too many trucks, it is a small area with little resources. In addition she stated there was one street that had 17 children living on it.

**Response:** Traffic will be evaluated during the traffic study review and DEP will coordinate this review with PaDOT.

**7. Joe Mazenko, Chest Township Negotiations Committee:** Stated he wants a fair and honest review by DEP. He also had the following comments:

- a. Supports the proposed landfill.
- b. Stated that the location of the proposed landfill is at the extreme end of county.
- c. Will boost the economy.
- d. Disputes that it will inhibit tourism plan.

**Response:** DEP always conducts fair and honest reviews. The other issues are those evaluated during the harms/benefits analysis.

**8. Larry Garner – Chest Township:** Stated he is for the landfill and had the following comments:

- a. Local trucks can take coal and flyash to the new landfill.
- b. Not everyone is against the landfill.
- c. The landfill is needed for economic relief for the area.

**Response** These are economic and social issues and will be evaluated during the Harms/Benefits analysis.

**9. Sam Ettaro – Curwensville Borough Council:** Mr. Ettaro had the following comments:

- a. Concerns with traffic flow through small towns.
- b. Roads already have enough truck congestion.
- c. Applicant does not even mention impact on Curwensville which is the biggest borough on the access route with 2000 residents.
- d. Shares the County concerns regarding Pa Wilds and tourism.

**Response** These are economic and social issues and will be evaluated during the Harms/Benefits analysis.

This concludes the summary of the LMIP meeting. If there are any additions or corrections to this summary, please send them to the following address:

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Please Note: The web page mentioned during the LMIP meeting on which letters and responses will be posted is now available and may be found under the Community Involvement link of the DEP, Northcentral Region's web page at <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/ncregion>