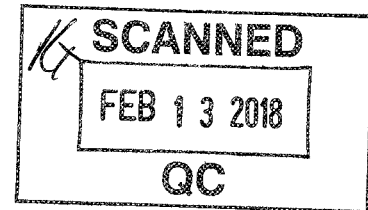


McIntosh, Cheryl (EEC)

From: Watson <heatherfaithwatson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 11:07 PM
To: Cummins, Jeff (EEC)
Subject: Re: Blue Ridge Landfill Waste REMOVAL!

Agency Interest no.998
Agreed Order #: DWM 160048

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Action needs to be taken, and a solution that the COMMUNITY accepts and agrees on. From my observations, I think it's safe to say that we want that garbage OUT OF HERE. It should have never been brought here in the first place, why should we be left to deal with it? Those responsible for these illegal actions should have to pay, and REMOVE IT. The liners in the landfill were not meant to contain such hazardous materials. At first, they stated the liners were only guaranteed for less than 40 years, now it's being said that they will last 200 years? And a company was hired by Advanced Disposal to make assessments on risks and effects in the future? To me, that sounds completely absurd. WHY should we trust ANYTHING they say? Basically it's -- *oh, don't worry, none of you will be around to see effects of it, nothing to be concerned about here!*"... Uh, we are very much concerned.

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If I were to dump a barrel of toxic waste in my neighbors yard, what do you think would happen? I'd probably go to prison, and someone would have to clean the mess up. How is this any different? **How can these cooperations get away with illegal activity that has potential to POISON AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY!?**

We are the stewards of this land. It is our *duty* to insure future generations with clean water and land! We cannot let this slide... regardless of anything they say, this waste IS a threat to our community! Even if there is no "immediate threat", that doesn't mean there won't be years down the road. To me, that's what this is about... the *future*. Those liners WILL fail, and this contamination is plenty capable of leaching into water. **Have pride in our state, in our communities...stand up for what's right.** If we let this slide, what will be next? Enough is enough. We are destroying the very land that sustains our lives. Water is the most important thing on this planet. It's time we stand to protect it!

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