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Subject: Agency Interest No. 998, Agreed Order#: DWM 160048

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter regarding the TENORM that was illegally dumped in the Blue Ridge Landfill. I feel this radioactive water needs to be removed.

There are too many unknown with this material. Core samples were never done so we do not actually know the level of radioactivity. This material was dumped across the road from our middle school and high school. Our children will spend 7 years at these schools. How do we know this is safe? We don't. We THINK it MAY be safe. If it was completely safe, why would it be illegal in the first place? Would you be comfortable sending your children to these schools? The children in these schools have no say in what happens with this waste but may be the ones having to deal with it in the future. Don't we all want better things for our children and grandchildren?! I can not sit back and be silent while someone else decides the children of Estill County do not matter!

This landfill is also very close to the Kentucky River. We were initially told be a landfill representative that the liner in our landfill would last 30 years. Now that has changed to 200-2000 years depending on the "expert" that you are getting your information from. I can not believe this information has changed so drastically.

The Corrective Action Plan that the landfill has proposed for keeping the TENORM in place has some major flaws, in my opinion. They are not planning to monitor for a long enough period of time. And what happens if the radioactive material does start leaking from the landfill? The plan does not address what would happen then.

The fact is Advanced Disposal broke the law. Now they need to do everything possible to remedy that. Some may say that they were innocent and did not know what was being brought in. I do not believe that BUT if that was the case, it became their problem when it was dumped there. If you innocently received stolen property, it still becomes your problem even though you may not have known all the circumstances. You still broke the law. If this landfill is allowed to keep the waste in place, you are basically saying if doesn't matter the they did break the law.

I am completely heartbroken for my community. I can not believe we are having to deal with this. Please, hear our cry! Please have this TENORM removed!!

A Very Concerned Citizen of Estill County,

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