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To: Cummins, Jeff (EEC)
Subject: Agency interest No. 998 and Agreed order DWM- 160048

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing this letter in hopes that the radioactive waste illegally dumped in the Blue Ridge Landfill will be removed. I am deeply saddened that I am even having to write this letter. It is with disbelief that I have to write this in hopes that corrective action will be taken towards removal of the radioactive waste that was placed without the approval or knowledge of the county. A host agreement has been in place since the landfill began, specifically prohibiting the landfill from accepting "nuclear waste". We have worked hard as a county to stop radioactive waste from being dumped in the landfill, and it should go without saying that we will not accept the long term risk this will pose on the residents and the county. The estimated level of activity of the waste is far above what Kentucky regulators consider safe for disposal in this landfill. When information was received that this radioactive material had been illegally placed in the landfill, we were told at meetings that our liner in the landfill was not appropriate to accept this material. We were told within our lifetime it would leak through the liner that is there.

Unfortunately, the people of the county who are innocent bystanders will be the ones to pay the price if this is not safely moved. This radioactive material is near a river and right across the road from two schools. I hope that whoever is reading this will place themselves in the shoes of the residents. I cannot imagine anyone would be "okay" with allowing their loved ones to potentially be exposed to something harmful, especially knowing it can be remedied. It is truly unsafe and unreasonable to leave it for the residents to deal with. Not only is this detrimental to the residents of the county, but also for the economy. A county that desperately needs to see growth economically will always have a dark cloud if this is left. I cannot imagine that people or businesses will look to expand to a county with dangerous radioactive waste, which may eventually make its way into the water system.

I am baffled that we are having to fight so hard in order for corrective action to be taken. The residents are innocent bystanders and should be a highest priority. The monitoring plan which has been proposed would allow the landfill to stop monitoring water as early as 2034. If radionuclides are found, there is no plan in place of what action would happen. How can this even be considered as a plan?!! The lack of planning along with lack of financial assurance can only bring one solution as being appropriate-and that is the safe removal of this radioactive waste to a site that is able and willing to accept it. We have been told it can be safely moved, so why is this not happening?

Please take time to consider if this was YOUR home and YOUR community, a place you have so many good memories of and a place you love. Please make the best decision for our county.

Thank you for your time,

Jaime Wallace

