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Subject: Referencing Agency Interest No.998 and Agreed Order DWM 160048

Mr. Cummins

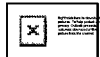
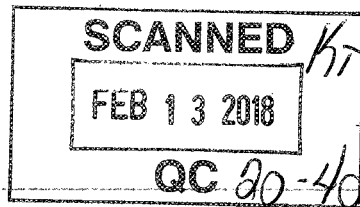
I am writing you to provide my comments on the CAP agreement for the Blue Ridge dump in Estill County. I am a life long resident of Estill County and plan on remaining in the county. Between the two proposed options presented in the agreement, I favor removing the radioactive waste from the landfill and to an appropriate facility. To even mention that removing the waste is a risk, is frankly, insulting. As a county we have already assumed the risk once of transporting the waste, except this risk was assumed without oversight and unbeknownst to us residents in the county. Removal of the waste away from the landfill will be done in the light of day and with the full knowledge of the residents. I have personally seen semi-trucks pull into the landfill at very late hours over the years; the landfill does not operate 24/7, so what else has been going on without knowledge or oversight. The only rightful choice is to remove the waste.

Of course given the large disparity in money costs to the company, I fully expect the waste to remain with the aforementioned monitoring precautions. If this is the option that does occur, then I can only comment that the monitoring should last for a minimum of 1600 years. Given that this is the half-life of Ra-226 it is the only logical time span that should be applied. Yes, this will result in more of an expenditure by the company, but when comparing nearly 500,000 dollars to over 6 million dollars there is plenty of wiggle room for this cost-benefit analysis that is surely going on.

Whatever the decision winds up being, the whole situation is just another example in the long torrid history of Appalachian Kentucky taking it on the chin. We are a people that don't matter to the majority of America. Others pity us, the governments frequently spurn us, and yet we continue on. There will be no justice brought to this issue, as there is rarely justice for any Appalachian counties in Kentucky. So to those who make the final decision on this matter I hope they are able to live with their decision because we in Estill County will have to.

Sincerely,

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