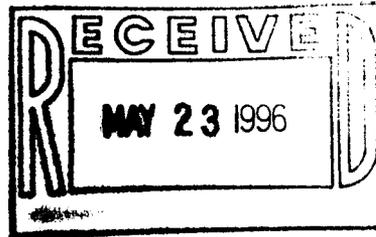


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Re: Triassic Park Hazardous Waste Disposal Draft Permit

Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

Reference is made to the draft permit to operate a waste disposal facility known as "Triassic Park Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility." In reference to this permit, I have the following concerns:

1. I am concerned with the level of toxicity of the items to be disposed of at the site. Specifically, I am concerned with the level of toxicity, the ability of local and county personnel to respond to a safety hazard should one occur and the ability of the medical facilities in the area to provide medical services should emergency services be needed.
2. The proposal references that the site will be built to withstand a 25 year rainfall, yet in the open forum in Roswell on April 22, 1996, it was stated that facilities would be built to withstand a 100 year flood. As the facility would handle hazardous waste, I believe it needs to be built to withstand at minimum a 100 year flood. Personally I would prefer a 200 year standard.
3. I would like to see increased precaution against blowing dust during the day. The site is located only four miles south of a main state highway and near a rest stop. With winds blowing up to 60 miles an hour on occasion, the hazardous dust and debris could blow into vehicles traveling the highway as well as into the facilities at the rest stop causing a potential hazard to the traveler.

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- #9 4. Are plans in place by the facility or the State to restrict the transport of hazardous waste in the towns in the area during peak traffic times to avoid the risk of a traffic accident.
- #10 5. Will the State ensure that there is sufficient funding in place to properly close the facility in accordance with appropriate environmental codes and standards at time of closure (ie, the site is full).
- #11 6. Has the Chaves County approved this site as a hazardous waste disposal site (zoning).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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