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*The Honorable Bill Richardson
Chief Deputy Whip
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515*

RE: Triassic Park, a proposed waste disposal approx 45 miles east of Roswell.

Dear Congressman:

Here in Roswell there is concern about the establishment of the Triassic Park Waste Disposal Plant. The concern includes as to quality of sustain maintenance of the site, supervision of materials to be dumped there, the methods of storage to be used and the geology of the site. In regards to the geology of the site, the zone of clay which is claim to protect the water table by not allowing the contaminated run off to flow quickly through the clay. It is felt by some that the contaminated run off will follow the top contour of this zone and be transported out of the containment field and get into ground water and the water table elsewhere.

It has been brought to my attention that the State Environmental Department is claiming that "there had been no concern from Roswell area", in spite of the large turn out of concern citizens to the public hearing held here. Also I have been told that some letters were written requesting additional public hearings, and requests to see the Triassic Park Permit Program (which is now missing from the Roswell Public Library).

At the public hearing we were told that Gandy-Marley had no intention of selling this business, and had plans to run it for many years. Now there is a rumor (alleged to be confirmed) that as soon as Gandy-Marley completes the process of securing the permit they will sell it off.

We do not want Southeastern New Mexico to be turn into America's dumping site (there is also a rumor of plans for a medical waste repository in Hagerman). I am asking you to assist in what ever way you can to aid us to find out the truth of Triassic Park and to clarify with the State Environmental Dept that there is strong concern from Roswell. We are very concern about the apparent miss-information that is being distributed.

Thank you for your efforts,

KJ
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cc: your Santa Fe & Clovis offices