

May 5, 2001

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Ms. Stephanie Kruse
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Hazardous & Radioactive Material Bureau
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Dear Ms. Kruse:

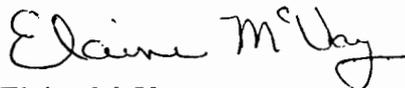
Re: Triassic Park Waste Management Facility

I visited with my parents last week and found them extremely upset and stressed over the new waste facility being placed near their home of seventy plus years. They live 18 miles west of Tatum at Caprock. My brother and I grew up on a ranch, and we all took pride in the fresh air and healthy, clean water we drank. A waste facility could definitely jeopardize the status of a safe environment for the many people who live in this area.

We are also disappointed in the poor communication and lack of public notice to those living in the surrounding areas of the proposed disposal site. This type of decision should be reviewed over and over, communities should be informed through writing and public meetings, and the public needs to be reassured that no danger is involved in a dump such as this. I plead with you to re-evaluate how this site was chosen, give the surrounding communities the opportunity to hear the good and the bad of a waste plant so close to their homes, give them written explanations of what is about to occur. They have a right to hear the truth; after all it is their homes.

We are truly scared and concerned about this waste facility. There is conflicting information concerning the type of wastes to be accepted at this site. There is a great deal of confusion between the NMED, the operators of the facility and the media. What is the truth? We love our land, and we take full responsibility for its care. How can we trust that this group of investors will take pride and care of our land as we do? We plead for an extension of ninety days for public comment. It is important that these landowners know the facts. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak openly and honest with you.

Sincerely yours,



Elaine McVay

CC: Stevan E. Pearce
State Representative

