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**RE: TRIASSIC PARK – MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2001 PUBLIC MEETING ISSUES AND QUESTIONS**

Dear Mr. Corser;

The following is a list of issues and questions raised at the Triassic Park May 4<sup>th</sup> public meeting. I provide this list as possible discussion topics for a meeting requested by Gandy Marley, Inc. with Greg Lewis, the Water and Waste Management Division Director. The meeting is currently scheduled for May 16 at 11 AM.

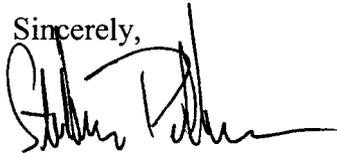
This list is in the order in which the issues were raised and reflects only those issues I was able to capture.

1. NMED's oversight during operation.
2. Where are similar facilities located?
3. Is the proposed facility prepared to control a fire considering the distance from Roswell's assistance?
4. Chaves and Lee Counties have relatively high cancer rates with respect to the rest of NM. It was suggested that the proposed facility would add to the Counties' problems.
5. Has the facility evaluated the possible impact to threatened and endangered species (particularly the prairie chicken)?
6. Where will the facility obtain its water supply?
  - a. Has GMI attempted to secure water rights?
7. Air emissions
  - a. Confusion regarding prevailing wind direction (SW or SE)
  - b. Neighbor suggested that the valley has at times a unique temperature inversion situation that would trap emissions.
  - c. Request for the establishment of a baseline (existing) air quality standard.

8. Where will wastes come from?
9. Who are surrounding landowners?
10. Concern that nearby land would devalue.
11. Why did NMED rescind the permit a second time?
12. Is there a history of releases (presumably to the groundwater and air) from similar facilities?
13. Personnel training.
14. Why did GMI wait to investigate the northern portion of the proposed site until NMED required them to?
15. Environmental justice
  - a. Something about a rural water cooperative.
  - b. EPA may get involved.
16. Something regarding permit modifications.
17. Were site characterization boreholes sufficiently sealed?
18. Will the liner truly be compatible with all potential mixtures of wastes?

Could you please tell me by Monday, May 14 whether this list matches yours? And could you also please ID whom you think should address the individual issues or questions?

Sincerely,



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