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July 2, 2001



State of New Mexico Environmental Department  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
2905 Rodeo Drive East  
Building 1  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attention: Mr. John Kieling  
Mr. Steve Pullen

Dear John Kieling and Steve Pullen:

As of this date, July 2, 2001, there has been no response to my corrections and comments that were raised during the May 4, 2001 hearing. Nor has there been any response to the many concerns raised by others at the very small Tatum, NM meeting.

I feel that there must be adequate and satisfactory responses and explanations to the public for their inquiries rather than ignoring them.

There have been no answers to:

1. Air pollution
2. The three faults in the immediate area
3. The large sink holes to the west of the area
4. The playa lakes to the east
5. The 3 different water zones in the immediate area
6. The use of Ogallala water, a non-rechargeable water, for this purpose and where it is coming from.
7. Are we to be a dumping ground for the world?
8. Gandy's past performances as far as any type of waste disposal operations?
9. Endangered Species affected --- such as the Prairie Chicken. (this would be inside the BLM's designated area)

I could go on and on, and would hope that the next meeting or hearing is postponed, until you can give evidence that the above concerns and those of others that have been brought up are found to be unwarranted. I would want assurance that GMI will be an excellent operator for the full time period.

In closing it seems to me that Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas are being singled out as a dumping ground for the rest of the world. This includes hazardous wastes, sludge, radioactive material, trash and prisons. If the reasons for this are

fundamentally economic, then revenue at any price isn't a good attitude nor will it ever be a reason to dump this into the laps of future generations.

It also seems to many of us that are involved in this process that the Hazardous Waste Department in the State is in fact wanting and encouraging a hazardous waste disposal site in NM for reasons unknown. I hope, for the sake of those who follow us and live in this area, that they will not have to pay the price of a fast track, faulty science decision; nor of a judgment by the present generation that was negligent in their protection.

I am asking for a postponement on any decisions by your department until more information is released; and that more interested individuals will have a chance to become involved, as our (the general public) participation has only been since May 4, 2001. I feel this is entirely too short a time period for all to express their concerns.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl L. Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Carl L. Johnson

cc: Lt. Governor Walter Bradley  
Bureau of Land Management  
NM State Land Office