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Subj: Colbert Landfill Consent Decree

Dear Sir:

I, my family and neighbors are extremely concerned with the proposed "air Stripping" method of removing the contaminates from the aquifer polluted by the Colbert Landfill. We see the "air Stripping" method as simply a transfer of the contaminates from one environment to another, i.e. water to air we breathe. With several stripping towers, three in the initial pilot phase and a much larger system in the full scale phase, these airborne contaminates are free to the air and breezes.

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Now the citizens living in close proximity to these towers will be breathing known cancer causing agents.

What Compensation plans are there for these innocent victims with the unmeasurably increased risk of Cancer? to those of child bearing years and to the yet unborn? Will foodstuffs grown in the area be contaminated? Will the entire plant to man; plant to animal to man food chain result in the oral ingestion of these cancer causing agents? Will those near, or far, from the stripping towers be at double risk, i.e. ingestion and respiration? Could future lawsuits in this area make the projected clean-up costs at this time seem like small potatoes? at what cost to our government and ultimately the taxpayers in this one instance alone.

the "air stripping" method is only transferring the "Problem". It is in all likelyhood creating a far greater problem.

I, my family and neighbors are against the "air Stripping" approach. If implemented, there need to be scrubbers and filters on the towers which will

Contain the contaminating agents and allow their collection. there will need to be air quality monitoring stations established. Frequent publication of air quality data and mailed to all near residences. the air quality monitoring stations need to be operated by a disinterested party from all those involved, including all levels of EPA.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns. We live (b) (6) [redacted] from the effected landfill.

Sincerely,

(b) (6) [redacted]

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