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Dear Mr. Bennett

Thank you for moderating the public hearing on August 30 at the Plum Borough Community Center regarding PENNECO's request to add an additional injection well, known as Sedat 4A. You were patient in hearing all the reason's why the request for this well should be denied. The citizens you represent offered evidence of the negative impact of the first injection well that PENNECO is operating. Now that we have tangible evidence of the negative impact of their first well, there is solid data and grounds to deny PENNECO moving forward with their request for Sedat 4A.

After reviewing your EPA website, it is encouraging to see your mission at the EPA is so clearly stated, which I reference below:

> **OUR MISSION**
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> **The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment.**
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> **EPA works to ensure that:**
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> - **Americans have clean air, land and water;**

James, it is reassuring that you are involved to protect us as our representative at the EPA. From the evidence and public comment, it appears obvious the decision that you must make to protect our health and the environment so we can have clean air, land and water is to deny the permit for the Sedat 4A injection well.

Also, from your EPA website the document of "Transparency and Open Government" dated January 21, 2009 was posted. It states that the "*Government should be transparent*. Transparency promotes accountability and provides information for citizens about what their government is doing."

James, as our representative of the EPA, I/we look forward to transparency from you in your decision/recommendation and accountability to us as the citizens you serve. We eagerly await your decision to reject this request from PENNECO for the Sedat 4A injection well.

Thank you in advance for looking after our welfare and helping provide clean air, land and water as stated by your EPA mission!

Sincerely,

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CC: Adam Ortiz, Regional Administrator; Michael S. Regan, EPA Administrator