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I'm sure that's true. One person mentioned that there are thousands arriving to live in the (relatively) small towns of Ranson, Shepherdstown and Martinsburg that aren't from the area, and the idea of living in proximity to a plant that burns coal or gas is unfamiliar or even abhorrent to them - some are 'escaping' more industrialized areas to live in West Virginia. There's a lot going on, or as Facebook might say "its complicated."

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Also, some of these people might commute to the DC Area, which perhaps makes them more sensitive to any perceptions of the current administration.

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I agree, that's very curious that there were no public comments. Nobody from DEP really spoke to confirm that the publishing requirements were met, I can only presume they were.

There are wrinkles to this one that are atypical for WV. For instance, in a state that continues to lose population and grapple with a weak economy, the eastern panhandle is an oasis of growth and economic expansion. (and theres no coal there). So there is a bit of the NIMBY mindset that you don't often encounter in most other areas of the state. I heard one person put it this way yesterday - "Mississippi and West Virginia are always at the bottom of everything." Rockwool has another plant in Mississippi like the one they're proposing in Ranson (only larger). So what the person was saying was basically 'if this plant is so great why are you locating it in West Virginia instead of some other (less environmentally tolerant) state?" (The folks down in the southern coalfields would kill for this plant.)

Several local officials described the sheer volume of concerns expressed by community members they know but that had never before expressed any environmental concerns about anything. Views some local officials described as hyperbolic and panicked.

Theres also a presumption out there that the current administration has completely gutted all air regs and the permit is too permissive. Caperton, Fred Durham and Joe Kessler spoke to the permitting process. I don't know how much that means to the opponents of the project, though. Some see this plant as just another part of the negative side effects of pipeline proximity and the expansion of fracking - polluting industries attracted by feedstock supply.

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Thanks for the update. It is so interesting to me that no one submitted comments when the permit was out for public comment.

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Okay I guess, Cristina. I managed to get most of the TPS I was given into the conversation. I have to say I was a bit surprised by the degree of public concern up there, I doubt I would have detected that had I not gone. People are pretty wound up, and appears many are not what some described as "the usual" environmental conscious crowd these local officials are familiar with.

~Mark

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All,

Thank you for your time today – having an opportunity to hear your concerns and concerns of your community was invaluable.
We appreciate the feedback.

Please see the attached media statement. We heard your significant concern that was raised today about the potential for the Ranson facility to use petroleum coke in the manufacturing process. ROCKWOOL is committing today, that we will Not use petroleum coke in the Ranson facility.

Matt, I apologize for the error, as your name does not appear on the participant list – we have sent a note to the press with this correction.
Samantha, can you please send to Fred Durham and Sec. Caperton's office please.

Leslie

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