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Hey Myra & Carol,

Here's a letter to the editor published in today's Coastal Observer (Pawley's Island, Litchfield and Murrells Inlet's weekly). I also submitted it to the Post & Courier/Georgetown Edition and am trying to get the editors to assign an investigative reporter to look into the campground, 3V's safety record (20 times worse than the chemical industry average), and also 3V's failure to properly notify EMS and surrounding environmental justice community of the March 27 accidental release.

The public hearing and second reading of the rezoning request for the campground will be held on August 24. Is there any chance that EPA or DHEC will complete an investigation and publish a report of any kind on the March 27 incident prior to the hearing? If so, it would have great impact. Also Myra, if you have a contact at SC OSHA, could you determine when they are likely to complete their investigation?

Thanks,

Gary

Land use

Poor choice for RV park

To the editor:

On July 15, the Georgetown County Planning Commission voted 4-2 in favor of rezoning property on the Sampit River across from 3V Chemical for use as a resort family campground. The Planning Commission chair and vice-chair spoke in favor and commissioners Bundy and Hamby spoke against the proposed rezoning for public safety reasons. The rezoning request now goes to County Council and the second reading and public hearing will occur at the Council's next meeting on Aug. 24.

Many in the community feel the Planning Commission's decision was irresponsible and ignored best practices for planning and zoning. The U.S. has a long history of serious accidents affecting people near facilities that handle flammable and hazardous materials. You might argue that the odds are low but it only takes one incident, like the one that occurred just four months ago at 3V, to endanger the entire population of the proposed campground.

I recently listened to the 911 call and it was frightening. It helps one realize how serious the March 27 incident was, not only for employees, but for anyone located immediately downwind. The company reported that more than 23,000 pounds of methylene chloride was accidentally released to the atmosphere. There was one fatality, but five other employees were also exposed to high concentrations of chemical vapors.

Keep in mind that under prevailing summer weather conditions – winds from the southern quadrant at 8 mph – the toxic chemicals released during the March 27 incident would have taken only six minutes to reach the proposed campground. This is long before employees would have a chance to assess the situation, take immediate action and notify EMS. Now, try to imagine how campers, some in tents and pop-ups, could be protected in the event of smoke and/or hazardous chemicals reaching the campground.

A resort RV campground would be a wonderful addition for Georgetown County, but only if located in an appropriate location. The county should do everything possible to help an interested developer locate a suitable site.

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