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Subject: 44 local physicians oppose proposed largest landfill innation!

Dear Shep,

I'm very sure that both you and Dagan certainly know what "living in the South" is all about! Well, we here in Southwest Alabama are about to recieve a gift. A gift of the largest landfill in the Nation! An out of state development group locally known as "Conecuh Woods" has proposed to construct a 5,000+ acre (almost 8 square mile) landfill to which garbage will be shipped by both truck and rail from across the nation. This proposed project will be many times larger than any other in the U.S. The developers look for sites which are rural (fewer people to resist), have residents with lower income levels, and in states such as ours where environmental enforcement is weak.

I am writing all who will listen concerning this project. If built, this dump will be a catastrophe for not only the residents of Conecuh, Monroe and Escambia Counties, but for people throughout South Alabama. There is an existing, much smaller landfill called "Timberlands" which has been in operation for some years. It's located approximately five miles South of the proposed site. Thursday's Mobile Register ran a page one article stating that high levels of mercury have been recently found in groundwater adjacent to the existing landfill. Both the existing and proposed landfills are very near, and will drain into Little Escambia Creek, the last pristine stream in the state. This stream drains into the Escambia River, which feeds Pensacola Bay, which already suffers problems with mercury contamination!

The proposed landfill is also sited above one of the three aquifers which supply drinking water for Demopolis, Monroeville and Andalusia Alabama, as well as private water systems in the area. Since basically anything which can be put in a dumpster will be deposited, with no inspection, the recent discovery that many hundreds of truckloads of PCB contaminated soil were brought to the existing landfill, with no notification given to anyone is evidence of the problems we will be facing.

These high-powered developers have set their sights on "poor, un-educated Conecuh County" where they assume their promises of jobs (15) and big dollars for our County will assure them of little resistance to their project. Well, THEY ARE WRONG! "Citizens for a Clean Southwest

Alabama" has been formed, and we're desperately trying to get the word out. We contacted WKRG Tv in Mobile last week. They sent Tiffany Craig, who did a very thorough and fair piece. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated by both us and our grandchildren!

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Sincerely,

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