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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary Environmental Quality Council

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Dear Mr. Troxel;

You have asked me to identify my concerns that I talked about in my first letter that I sent to you, let me clarify.

Firstly; The land that you have selected for this solid waste facility is higher than the homes that are around it. Suppose some of the chemicals spill on the ground and is absorb, where do you think the residue will likely go during a heavy rain? I think this business would be better built away from town. I might mention that the Town of Mills is planning to expand its borders, and this business would not be an asset being in the middle of a housing development.

Secondly; I don't know if you have seen the road that leads up to this property, it is dirt and very rough, with pot holes and lots of curves. I don't think the truckers would like to or, in in-climate weather be able to drive over this road with their trucks:

Thirdly; A few environmental questions for you. Will there be any fumes that could escape and go into the air? How about noise, not only from the plant, but what about the truck traffic? Will the plant run twenty four hours a day? What kind of chemicals will the plant be dealing with?

What I am trying to say is we have allowed businesses in the past come into Mills without counting the cost of the environment as long as the business was good we over looked it. I think at this time in our world we need to look farther ahead then just to today for our children. Is what we do today, will it preserve life for tomorrow? All I have is a letter stating you want to build a solid waste management facility. You can send me all the paper work describing the business but I can't ask any questions. I imagine that if we have a public hearing for this business, people will come and voice their concerns.

Lastly; I would like to know why I received a certified letter in the first place when many of my neighbors and those even closer to this proposed site did not? I feel many of them would love to hear firsthand (as would I) from the business owner who wants to build this site so close to my home. I look forward to hearing him answer my concerns so that we can all can feel more comfortable about this waste facility being built so close to many residents and other business here in Mills and Natrona County.

Thank you. I look forward to meeting with you at the case hearing.

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