

TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

January 8, 2015

Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Team Leader
Pennsylvania DEP Southeast Regional Office
2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Dear Sir or Madam:

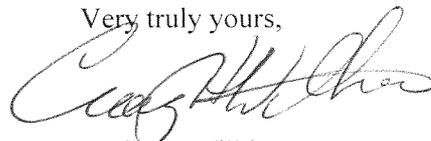
Florence Township previously sent the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) correspondence regarding its concerns about the proposed liquid hazardous waste treatment facility in Falls Township, Pennsylvania. Although the DEP extended the comment period until January 9, 2015, the limited extension over a holiday period allows little substantive time to accomplish a thorough review of a proposal that could seriously impact residents of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Florence Township has requested copies of all documents and correspondence from Falls Township, but Falls Township has advised us that the documents will not be ready until approximately January 21, 2015. Even though Florence Township will go to Falls Township to pick up the documents, we need a reasonable amount of time to evaluate the information.

According to the DEP, one of the purposes of the Phase 1 siting criteria is to examine the "location of hazardous waste treatment facilities based on the proximity of such things as area water supplies, wetlands, and flood hazard areas." Florence Township operates several public wells that are not located far from the Delaware River. These drinking wells could be severely and possibly irreparably impacted by a chemical hazardous waste treatment facility. Florence Township is also concerned about the lack of clear and qualified information regarding materials to be accepted for treatment, air emissions and discharges to the Delaware River. The DEP cannot truly determine that a chemical hazardous waste treatment facility could meet siting criteria without closely examining these quality of life concerns in a thorough manner that allows for substantive public involvement.

At the January 7, 2015 Council meeting, the Township Council and I reaffirmed Florence Township's strong opposition to the proposed liquid hazardous waste treatment facility in Falls Township. We urge the DEP to deny Phase 1 siting approval for the hazardous waste treatment plant. Residents in New Jersey and Pennsylvania should not have to be worried about their health and the future well-being of their family members as a result of a commercial hazardous waste treatment facility.

Very truly yours,



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