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To: Rules Coordinator

Subject: Re: Comments on "Amend 3.8 and new/amended Chapter 4 waste management"

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Dear Rules Coordinator,

I am concerned about the changes to Statewide Rule 8 & Chapter 4.

The Commission must: (1) Better protect human & environmental health from waste & recycling operations; (2) Make operators protect communities from bad practices; (3) Improve the Commission & public's ability to enforce the rules.

While I support some of the rule changes, e.g., that data will finally be collected on on-lease pits; more are needed. For example:

Public Participation

- 1) Require explicit surface landowner consent before a pit can be built and waste buried in it.
- 2) Create a more participatory permit process:
- require multiple notices, at least 30 days before an application or hearing;
- send notice to all residents, landowners & groundwater districts within at least one mile of a facility's property boundary;
- at hearings, let anyone ask questions, participate, present testimony, facts, or evidence
- 3) Create an electronic mailing list for all applications that anyone can join

Good Projects

4) Don't presume a project will

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