

Form Letter

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Date: _____

Mr. Jeffrey Dea
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Dear Mr. Dea:

It is with great concern for my environment and my community that I forward this letter to you. Taggart Miller Environmental Services (TMES) is putting forth a proposal for a landfill at two sites only a few short kilometres from each other (pleases see www.crrrc.ca for project details).

The water table in this area is very high. In Carlsbad Springs, the water table is so high that many residents supply their homes with water from shallow wells in the sandy surface soil. We all know that this area is also underlain by Leda Clay, which is a very unstable material. We have seen, heard and read about Leda Clay and feel that this site should not even be considered as a new dumping site. Since the best engineering efforts are never guaranteed, the breach of any technology used would easily cause leachate to seep into the high water table. As we all know, all of these dumping sites run into problems over time, causing permanent damage.

Secondly, we are requesting that the proponent put forth two different terms of reference and in both official languages since both sites are situated in areas with a large francophone population. We cannot believe that only one TOR was put forward and the residents of Carlsbad Springs were provided only 3 months to review the TOR when in fact the Russell residents got 1 ½ years to get ready for the submission of the TOR. The proponents have refused to hold a single meeting in Carlsbad Springs, but held many events in Russell, resulting in inadequate consultation in Carlsbad Springs.

Lastly, another landfill in our area would increase the number we are already subjected to and is absolutely unnecessary. Navan Road, Carp Road, Springhill, Trail Road and the Lafleche landfill are all approved for accepting waste generated in Eastern Ontario, and some even accept waste from outside the province. This alone should be reason enough to deny TMES' proposal since it shows Eastern Ontario already has abundant capacity for waste.

The Project Manager for the CRRRC, Mr. Hubert Bourque stated publicly that if our communities did not want a waste disposal site, he would respect our wishes and decline from pursuing the project.

Trusting you will consider my comments,