

BURNT

IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT,
BUSINESS, AND ACADEMIA

28 October 2008

BURNT Presentation to Mayor's Green Ribbon Committee—Solid Waste

(15 minutes)

1. Appreciation and introductions
2. Congratulations to Mayor Dean—effort to activate citizens and highlight needs
 - A. Mission not clear—continue sustainability of our city or 'Greenest in Southeast"—modest
 - B. Not follow successful models—work product
 - C. Tennessee would be a 3rd World Country if not in the United States—infant mortality
 - D. For 70 years, state leaders sell out environment for jobs—Oak Ridge, Dickson,
 - E. We in the South are the canaries—see web site—"Plos Medicine" (27 April 2008 article in The New York Times (Week in Review, "The Short End of The Longer Life")
3. Fundamental Solid waste numbers—
 - A. raw material for business and compost-- yard waste (13%), food waste (12%), paper/cardboard (36%), construction and demolition (15%)==76% total,
 - B. 70% of solid waste comes from business, institutions, universities, hospitals, restaurants
- 4.. Metro's Solid waste and environmental problems come directly from lax state policy makers
 - A. State must dictate policies such as large food stores keep separate 1,,000 pounds of food waste weekly [restaurants, schools, fast food, hospitals] ---Construction waste
 - B. State solid waste planning underway NOW—Metro should be involved with different goals—State proposes unfunded mandates for bans of yard waste, food waste, paper/cardboard
 - C. Recycling and composting does not hurt present oligarchical companies—they do this in other states, will make higher profits. —local businesses and haulers
 - D. **Solid waste should be the raw material for business and compost**
5. Fund academic research by TSU and MTSU [see reverse for bill]
 - A. Funders—business, foundations, Metro, federal and state government
 - B. We need ideas and research—how to separate, excite people—**why solid waste**
 - C. Spent \$10–\$12 million on university solid waste research & management from 1993–2007
6. SUPPORT Mayor Karl Dean's Proposal for a school with an environment and health curriculum
 - A. Unprecedented attack on humans and planet in last 70 years—low level, multiple chemicals —*hundreds of years to ameliorate*
 - B. Work is germane and will pay off—important business opportunities to remediate
7. Fundamental anger in North Nashville solid waste—Bordeau, Southern Services, develop water
 - A. State Boards—skewed—repeat call to Governor to make appointments at large
 - B. Southern Services Class IV—why is Metro landfilling 100,000 tons of concrete rubble?
8. Thank you and questions

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WHAT DOES SEWER SLUDGE [OR LANDFILLS MATTER]?

Infant Mortality in Tennessee *Is WORSE Than* Cuba or Hungary

TENNESSEE IS THE **ONLY** STATE WHICH CREDITS LANDFILLED
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE AS RECYCLED

Low Level Multiple Chemicals are KILLING Us Before We Are Born Children in The Womb and Infancy Are Hurt For Life

“Given the established knowledge, protecting children from neurotoxic environmental exposures from the earliest stages of fetal development clearly is an essential public health measure if we are to help prevent learning and development disorders and create an environment in which children can reach and maintain their full potential” –Executive Summary “Scientific Consensus Statement on Environmental Agents Associated with Neurodevelopmental Disorders” *Institute for Children’s Environmental Health*--- <http://www.iceh.org/LDDI.html>

There Are Two America’s...And Tennessee Is In the Worsen Part

A 27 April 2008 article in The New York Times (Week in Review, “The Short End of The Longer Life” describes a startling life expectancy decline for males and females in the Deep South, along the Mississippi River, and in Appalachia, extending into the southern portion of the Midwest and Texas. **The worst ten counties are in south west Virginia, on the the Tennessee border.** The absolute disparity between counties at the extremes of mortality advantage and disadvantage began to increase in the early 1980's.

“Analysis of county-level mortality demonstrates that the 1980s and 1990s marked an era of increased inequalities in mortality in the United States, measured both as the distribution of life expectancy in the US counties, and as the difference between the best-off and worst-off counties. This stagnation and reversal of mortality decline, although affecting a minority of the nation's population, is particularly troubling because an oft-stated aim of the US health system is the improvement of the health of “all people, and especially those at greater risk of health disparities” [web site source: “**Plos Medicine**”, a study cited in The New York Times article].

Do you understand? Blacks, poor whites, and people from Tennessee are the canaries—we are dying now because of the chemicals, pesticides, plastics, mining, and industry the government regulators [at federal level, often from industry], the General Assembly, and federal government allow. *TDEC Has To Stop Regulating The Environment As If Tennessee Is Belle Meade*

**PLEASE—JOIN OR SUPPORT BURNT—WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PEOPLE WHO WANT TO CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT...AND THEMSELVES**

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