

BURNT, landfills, and environmental injustice

Environmental Fraud In Dickson County [and Tennessee?]

Dickson County is a morass with not only the landfill but multiple Superfund sites which are ignored by the state and county. For some reason those who run the county like to play ostrich. Unfortunately playing ostrich in Dickson County can damage your health since there is so much pollution underground.

We have never understood why the County leadership does not seek to clean up the landfill and multiple superfund sites. These processes are routine. Remediation is routinely done in other states. In twelve years the pollution has moved from underneath the landfill to 3.5 miles away, all underground. Why not clean up the county now instead of allowing the poison to spread for perpetuity? We have offered to justify federal and state dollars for this clean up.

The nasty hidden truth is the sheer incompetence of local governments. Expensive houses were built with back yards bordering on the landfill Dickson County is a self characterized poor county (with little vacant commercial real estate) yet the state is building a \$160 million road (Dickson SW By-pass) which goes right through Eno Road, home of a historical black community and location oof the Dickson County Landfill.

The Dickson County Landfill was built on Eno Road where freed slaves were multi-generation farm owners. The disposal of powerful solvents, paints, pesticides, and other poisons in the primarily black neighborhood was a direct subsidy to heavy industry recruited by county and states leaders [the companies have now migrated to Mexico, the Caribbean, and Taiwan].

But fraud?

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This is like being the main witness, policeman, detective, and judge all in one. This appears to be a serious conflict of interest and possible violation of professional ethics.

--EnSafe, the County, and the State have created a so-called "**Ground Water Protection Plan**" in Dickson County which is a wholly made up term which does not apparently exist anywhere in federal, state, or local law.

The "**Ground Water Protection Plan**" allows the regulatory authorities to sidestep exacting and particular State regulations which require public notice to those living above the pollution plume, research into remediation, a public meeting to discuss

remediation, a ground water assessment, and remediation.

By failing to follow the mandated State Solid Waste Regulations, Dickson County is in violation of several Commissioner's ORDERS, including two October 2001 Commissioner's ORDERS on remediation and closure of the landfills.

For more detail, please see attached file. The Regulations are accessible at TDEC, "Solid Waste Regulations"--pages 75--85.

We believe the State has been in continual violation of the State Solid Waste Act of 1969 which required the State to permit and regulate landfills to protect the environment and public health. The State of Tennessee has violated this legislative mandate by allowing multiple landfills to contaminate ground water and injure citizens. The state is responsible to seek funding and other resources to make whole injured parties including the environment, the people, and any injured local government entity.

Also, please note and understand that the fundamental error is that the Dickson County Landfill ground water can be remediated in whole or in part. This failure to clean up the poison inflicted on Dickson County by companies recruited by lkocal and state leaders is the tragedy.
