

LANDFILLS ARE THE PROBLEM NOT A SOLUTION

If landfills across the country stopped creating methane, *which can be done by not landfilling food waste (12% of the waste stream) and yard waste (13%),* this would be the equivalent in terms of green house gasses in closing 21% of our coal power plants. Tennessee generates 3 million tons (3,000,000 tons) of food waste and yard waste annually. With an average tip fee of \$32 a ton, this waste stream costs up to \$96,000,000 million annually to landfill. **\$96,000,000 dollars a year.....in ten years \$960,000,000--- ALMOST A BILLION DOLLARS.** Businesses, including present landfill companies, should be standing in line with proposals to create clean methane gas and also good compost.

CORRECTION: SB 876/HB 1630 and SB 2083/HB 2051 which contain many specific solid waste claims do not appear to be TDEC bills.

70% Of The Antibiotics Used In America Go To HEALTHY Livestock

“Pathogens in Our Pork” Nicholas D. Kristof, 15 March 2009, Sunday ‘Week In Review’ New York Times, p. 13
Why do we medicate healthy animals but not healthy humans—so that the animals can be kept in crowded and unsanitary conditions. Those antibiotics end up in our water, food, and bodies. This has allowed dangerous pathogens that defy antibiotics—and kill 18,000 people a year in America. Europe and South Korea forbid farmers to use non-therapeutic doses of antibiotics in animal feed. . The pervasive spread of antibiotics so that animals may live in unhealthy conditions is attacking our ability to protect ourselves—‘antibiotic resistance is a “public health crisis”’ [The Infectious Diseases Society of America] **When do we recognize these chemicals matter.** Each of us has 125-150 chemicals in us from solvents to flame retardants to teflon. Infants are born with 50% of the total they will have as adults.

Martha Sundquist Wilderness Area

BURNT Urges Resolution of Mountain Top Coal Mining

The mountain top coal at stake in this controversy was purchased from a bankrupt coal business. The same with the mineral rights under the “Martha Sundquist Wilderness Area.” We urge owners, the legislature, and the governor to come up with a fair price based on bankruptcy purchase, then do the deal with a bond funded by a fee increase on coal or some other mineral. We have sold out our environment from Kingsport to Oak Ridge to Dickson County to New Johnsonville.

SB2218/HB 2216

CREATE JOBS AND BUSINESS WITH SOLID WASTE

This bill allows TDEC to participate in research on using solid waste as a resource for jobs and business, not landfill material. This is an opportunity for job recovery funds to create immediate jobs and business while also saving groundwater from landfills.