

Colorado Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission

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Dear Mr. Parker:

At the meeting of the Colorado Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission (CO CAC) held on January 31, 2007, a resolution was passed to continue to support the treatment of hydrolysate on-site and oppose off-site shipment of the hydrolysate. This resolution was forwarded to the CO CAC from the Design Options Working Group (DOWG).

The resolution reads as follows:

The Design Options Working Group recommends to the CO CAC that the CO CAC affirm its position that on-site treatment of hydrolysate be conducted at PCAPP and that off-site treatment of hydrolysate be rejected. This decision is based, in part, on review of the financial analysis presented to the CO CAC at the December 8, 2006 meeting and review of the recently released Mitretek and Lean-Six-Sigma reports.

This decision was made with a great deal of thought and review by members of the CO CAC and community members of the DOWG. Beyond the reasons stated in the above resolution, other issues taken under consideration include the following:

- Due to the recent decision by DuPont to not accept the hydrolysate from Newport, Indiana at their New Jersey facility, there is a decreased chance of finding a viable receiving facility for the Colorado hydrolysate. Dividing the hydrolysate between multiple facilities will only increase costs and risks. Choosing a facility other than a biotreatment facility will increase the chances of community opposition.

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- The community is concerned that the \$150,000,000 potential savings if the hydrolysate is shipped off-site does not include any risk factors such as community opposition and permitting delays to name just two possible risks.
- The Mitretek and Lean-Six-Sigma reports clearly outline how difficult it may be to avoid litigation, permitting delays and transportation delays. Even if the CO CAC should vote in favor of hydrolysate transportation, there is no guarantee that members of the Pueblo community would accept this decision without opposition.
- Given the imminent changes in the leadership at ACWA and potential delays in appointing a successor, the proposed savings may dissolve through inertia.
- There is no need to commit additional funds to study hydrolysate shipment, when outside reports indicate that the chance of cost savings is very slim.

As always, the CO CAC and the DOWG are open to reviewing this decision if new information on hydrolysate transportation is made available to the public.

The CO CAC and the Pueblo community appreciate the candor and openness of the ACWA program as decisions concerning the program were made and wish you great happiness and success in your retirement.

Sincerely,

John Klomp
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