

Watts Remy

From: David Jenkins <davidjenkins12@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:33 PM
To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: NO on SB 46

Dear Committee Members,

The purpose of my contacting you is to urge you to vote no on SB 46.

The bill would allow for the following:

- ~ Grading after reclamation completion negating reclamation efforts
- ~ Destruction of architectural assets on federal and state lands
- ~ Grading of EPA and DEQ sites with histories far lesser environmental cleanup standards than today's standards
- ~ Grading of natural, protected and open spaces

The only thing that needs grading here is SB 46. The grade is an F.

I know the consequences of such an idea. The Lower Bridge Mine Site, west of Terrebonne, Oregon was an illegal, unsupervised hazardous waste site for 8 years. DEQ permitted the delivery of hazardous waste before the soil was deemed safe to permit and contain waste. When DEQ found out that waste was delivered on unsafe soil in 1975, DEQ Director Loren Kramer and others quit their jobs and told nobody. The leaking waste sat at the site 8 years.

Here is a photo then by DEQ in 1983 of what they left behind:



576 fifty-five gallon drums of Mercury, Lead, PCBs and Gamma Level Radioactive Waste

Prior to 1983, the 576 acre site was a refractory who's no. 1 product was a Group 1 carcinogen: Cristobalite. A respirable powder that causes upper respiratory illnesses, lung cancer and death. The waste from this large scale refractory was dumped at the site from 1930 to 1983. In 2006, 42 tons of PCBs and Cristobalite were graded over and spread over 460 acres on the west side of the mine site.



1948 photo of the refractory taken by Great Lakes Carbon Corporation. The site produced hundreds of tons of respirable waste that was left at the site.

From 1966 to 1969, the site was an unsupervised waste disposal site in Deschutes County for 3 years and was used by 600 people.

County & County Code	Name of Site	Site Code	Owned By	Operated By	Operation	Population Served
Jefferson (16)	Culver	12	Public	Public	Landfill	1,000
	Willow Creek	21	Public	Public	Open Dump	3,000
	Warm Springs	31	Public	Public	Open Dump	1,500
	Madras	11	Public	Private	Open Dump	1,500
Crook (07)	Prineville	11	Public	Public	Open Dump	7,500
	Powell Butte	21	Public	Public	Open Dump	600
Deschutes (09)	Bend - City	35	Public	Private	Landfill	8,000
	Arnold	41	Public	Public	Sanitary Landfill	5,000
	Tumalo	23	Public	Public	Open Dump	600
	Elder	43	Public	Public	Open Dump	1,000
	McGrath	42	Public	Public	Open Dump	300
	Alfalfa	31	Public	Public	Landfill	300
	Spring River	32	Public	Public	Landfill	600
	Fryrear	22	Public	Public	Landfill	100
	Negus	11	Public	Public	Landfill	3,000
	Lapine	33	Public	Public	Landfill	1,000
	Cline Falls	21	Public	Public	Open Dump	600
	Lower Bridge	12	Public	Public	Open Dump	600
	Sisters	34	Public	Public	Open Dump	800
	Redmond	13	Public	Private	Open Dump	3,500

Suggested Disposal Site Usage:

Deschutes -

Deschutes County has proposed and developed possible county sites. These should be continued.

- A. Deschutes County - Redmond, Terrebonne; Powell Butte might be developed.

The Lower Bridge Public Dump ~ From EPA's Report on Central Oregon public dumps.

In 2006, The Daniels Group bladed over the aforementioned pollution the entire 420 acres on the western site of the mine.

DOGAMI did nothing. The western portion of this site has never been inspected or cleaned to today's EPA standards.

DEQ did nothing after committing what were criminal acts in 1977 at the site.

Submitted Respectfully,

David Jenkins
Deschutes County Resident