

Mrs President, M. Commissioner

My wife and I have lived in and around Danford Lake all of our lives, we've had the opportunity to consult the project's impact study documents. What struck us in going over these documents is that for this project, which fully complies with strict new laws and is subject to stringent monitoring, there are public hearings, but when it came to our old trench landfills, we were never consulted. From what I've read, these trench landfills were considerably more dangerous and no monitoring was required.

We were most surprised that the Outaouais region has 50 of these trench landfills which certainly constitute a greater risk than an engineered landfill. These trenches have most likely polluted our environment over the last 20 years and will continue to do so in the future.

At the start we were of those who were concerned with the project and questioned its validity. After going to several information meetings and reading documents we found on our own, we realised that we don't manage our garbage very well. This project will allow us to stop using the trench landfills and start using a Government approved technology at an acceptable cost.

During the public hearings we noticed that several discussions concerned using other technologies. Our own research on the internet has allowed us to conclude that the cost of these is much too high for the local residents of our rural areas.

Our readings on these new technologies, such as plasma, shows that it costs in excess of 150\$/tonne, not counting transportation. The way we read this, is like saying that tomorrow morning, our traffic problems will be solved by using flying cars.

At the start, we were undecided on this project, now we realize that we were influenced by the «not in my back yard» syndrome, and that all of us have contributed to polluting our environment with our trench landfills. Now, finally, a project is proposed that could fix this situation. Provided that the environmental monitoring is done, this is a good project and we can only hope that our trench landfills go through the same monitoring as the engineered sites.

In fact, in our opinion, the government should consider removing the garbage from our trench landfills and send them to this new controlled landfill in Danford Lake.

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