

My name is Greg Harris. I live on Thomas Lane. I own property directly across from the proposed NCL landfill. I plan to use it for a home for our family.

We think 250 feet is fine for a setback for NCL. The trees are more than enough.

There is talk about Madison County being the land of landfills, but I would encourage the Permit Board to be responsible. If you fairly enforce the permitting laws you will find Madison County is not the land of landfills.

You will also see Mr. Smith is trying to defeat the only landfill that meets all the laws, while saying nothing about those breaking laws.

The question is not about setbacks. It is about integrity. That is what D E Q has to reconcile.

Buffer



What the Permit Board is going to find is that 78 acres of the Canton landfill were permitted illegally. According to Order 4-3 9 6-02 it states. And . .

The landfill is located in Section, 25, 35, 36, Township 9 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, Mississippi.

If MDEQ follows the law and was truthful about what it told people in Potters Church, the landfill permit will be revoked because it was approved by Canton not Madison County who is over it.

Canton recently reported 10 acres in its only legal cell. So, if Mr. Smith holds D.E.Q accountable,

Madison County will not be the Land of the Landfills by approving N C L.

I am including a Map of Canton, a copy of Canton Annexation's map, and a copy of the Order I just read from.

Next is the BFI landfill. It has no buffer and setback only 50 feet. Last year when I wrote about BFI expanding they told me it was not expanding and called it a redesign or modification. Last year at the Church Mr. Williams called it redesign and said it wasn't going to go any higher.

What he did was lie to a Church full of African Americans.

BFI applied for a 10 foot vertical expansion in 2008 trying to add 2 MILLION yards of Capacity. It wants

D E Q to let BFI remove the liner that is needed to prevent the gas from leaving the property, which causes the odors people complain about.

Mr. Smith knows BFI is not zoned to go but 500 feet by Madison County. In case he doesn't I am sending him a document from the Brunini Law Firm that requested the 500 foot expansion.

Mr. Smith is not worried about DEQ granting the expansion. He knows DEQ's and BFI are connected through people.

Mr. Rouser asked who is watching MDEQ. I have.

When DEQ and Mr. Smith brought everybody to that Church, it wasn't to strengthen Environmental Justice, it was to weaken it.

In theory, the laws of Mississippi are designed to protect people who live a mile from landfills. It does this by not allowing landfills within a mile from 20 or more residents.

The laws don't protect people like me, my wife and sons who live within a mile.

Please understand me. I am not saying the laws protect you, I am saying that is what they have been designed to do.

If BFI had trees around it and the synthetic liner like and wasn't so high, none of us would be dealing with the problems. Trees would block the wind hitting the landfill and when it left the landfill.

Someone else will comment on people building \$300,000 homes by landfills run right.

Let me get back to my point.

Environmental Justice is to give a voice to Black people who don't have the numbers.

In Mississippi, by law there is always going to be less than 20 people near a landfill. Mr. Smith knows this. He'll never understand though.

Mr. Smith brought t.v. reporters by my house before I started supporting Mr. Bilberry.

Before I learned the truth.

When I started to support Mr. Bilberry, and yes worked out an agreement with N C L, all he did was make fun of me, my wife and sons.

To him we weren't people with dignity and feelings. Just people he could get on t v not supporting a landfill.

Unlike Dr. Friday we didn't try to use our land for a landfill and we don't get money for our land like farm subsidy websites show he does.

Ms. Enochs complains about not being able to sell her land. She needs to realize part of her problem are the

power lines and gas lines she got paid of thousands of dollars to run through her property.

And like Dr. Friday, she got farm subsidies to.

Dr. Friday and Ms. Enochs I am glad you are making money off your land, just respect African Americans who use the free enterprise system to do the same thing.

At the Church, Setbacks were mentioned one time. It was by Mr. Williams when he talked about how to defeat a landfill permit. So, really making this hearing about setbacks was really coaching opponents on what to say.

Mr. Smith I'm sure you are proud and feel you won. But as a race we are hurt when that is done

. Rather than treating me and the Rousers and others with respect and truth, you divided and conquered.

You need to get DEQ to come tell all these people about taking the liner out that protects ground water and prevents odors.

Why we are here today goes back to a meeting in 2004 when DEQ approved Madison County's Plan.

I am going to read from the transcript.

A Commissioner Asked Mr. Williams:

What is the width of the buffer that they have agreed to place around, the landfill and what difference is there between that requirement, they've agreed to, and the State requirements.

Listen carefully to Mr. WILLIAMS Reply:

They haven't really agreed to anything as a result of this planning process ...

In the Environmental Permitting Process there is a buffer zone that is required of them.

They don't have to agree to it, it's required, it's a 500 foot setback distance from the property line to the edge of the disposal area.

Now listen to what the law actually says

I am reading from MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGULATIONS W 2: NONHAZARDOUS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS & CRITERIA SECT. 3 T1 ...D

For landfills, the setback shall be at least 500 feet,

EXCEPT

where adequate on-site screening, whether natural or artificial, will restrict the offsite view of the landfill,

in which case the setback shall be no less than 250 feet.

That is the law.

Mr. Williams didn't tell the Commissioner it is 250 feet, just like he didn't tell us BFI was going higher.

That's why Mr. Smith wants D E Q have your comments. Rather than being accountable to the law, he wants the will of the majority. We all know that leads to injustice.

Whether you support or oppose N C L, they are right to ask D E Q to follow the law and maintain the integrity that comes from being consistent.

Madison County and the State of Mississippi are going to waste a lot of money in Court over this. Not to mention what is going to happen with Canton.

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Mr. Smith made fun of the African American Officials in Canton when they tried to annex the area around Nissan. He said Mississippi had a contract with Canton. He said in Japan people would kill themselves rather than break a contract. He said a contract is a contract and government ought to honor its contracts.

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He thinks he is so right he is above the democracy of a Board vote, the rule of law, and the Scales of Justice.

Mr. Smith turned on me, he turned on the will of his County, he turned on the law. Be careful or he will turn on you.

Go to the Jackson Jambalaya website.

Write that down . . . Jackson Jambalaya.

Search Canton Annexation.

When the video pops up, click it. If 4 Madison County Boards signed a contract with Madison County, see if you think Mr. Smith is being a hypocrit on that video

If Mr. Smith cared about not putting garbage by African Americans, why does he want to put it in Canton. There are more than 100 Black homes within a mile.

If he is accountable to the law, he would ask D E Q to enforce the law and revoke the Canton permit that is illegal and on Madison County property.

In Potters Church Mr. Williams said over-and-over that a local waste plan had to be amended before D E Q could process an application for a new or expanding permit.

Two months later MDEQ issued a permit expansion

for Canton who refused to amend the Solid Waste plan.

At the Public Hearing like this,

D E Q tried to pass off an old Waste Plan. All the Documents needed are being entered in the record to support this.

Documents are also being entered in the record will prove Hinds County lied in sworn testimony to D E Q in the Courts about it's Comprehensive Plan, and rezoning for landfills on North County Line road by my home.

MDEQ said the trees on County Line Road don't screen the NCL landfill adequately. Is that truth or a lie. Dr. Friday told the Chancery Judge and everybody at Potters that night the trees were so thick he couldn't see the zoning meeting sign. He even entered photos into the record that night. We all know Dr. Friday wrote Hinds County to put a landfill on his property.

To the people and families around Rouser Road, I am not against you.

But for BFI to expand, D E Q is going to have to leave off the liver that covers gas odors and stops them from spreading.

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