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Dear Mr. Guth:

Pursuant to my conversation with George Manaski, of the NW Regional Office of the PA Department of Environmental Protection, I am writing to request that a public hearing be scheduled in the matter of the Asphalt Manufacturing Plant that is proposed to be built in the Barkeyville Industrial Park at 1041 Stevenson Road, Barkeyville Borough, Harrisville, Venango County, Pennsylvania 16038. The proposed plant is contained in Application No. 61-210A submitted by Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.

There is a high number of senior citizens in Barkeyville Borough, most of whom would not have access to the PA Bulletin or even that an application of this nature would be published in the PA Bulletin. Most people would understand information that is disseminated at a public hearing where questions can be posed of persons who are presumed to be knowledgeable and responsible for providing accurate and understandable information concerning the health, safety and environmental impact of this facility in this small community.

I believe it would be fair to state that the average Borough citizen knows only what he or she reads in the paper and we can only speculate about the accuracy of information printed in a newspaper item.

The average resident is not aware that the Asphalt Plant would combust natural gas, 2-6 fuel oils, reprocessed oils, biodiesel, coal or any combination of fuels -- nor would I if I were not reading from the PA Bulletin.

How would the information concerning the emissions be conveyed to residents of this Borough? None of us would have been aware that the plant, based upon information provided by the applicant and Department's own analysis, will be emitting 8.96 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds, 28 tons of Nitrous Oxide and 37.8 tons of carbon monoxide per year, and undetermined amounts of sulfur dioxide if coal burning becomes a permitted combustant.

Are asphalt fumes known toxins? This is a question we would like to have answered at a public hearing.

The Federal EPA quotes that asphalt processing and asphalt roofing, manufacturing facilities are major sources of hazardous air pollutants such as formaldehyde, hexane, phenol, polycyclic organic matter and toluene. Exposure to the air toxics can cause cancer, central system problems, liver damage, respiratory problems and skin irritation. (EPA)

Are these facilities monitored to ensure compliance with parameters established therefore. Are there any parameters established by DEP? Are residents in the residential areas that surround the industrial park left to their own devices to seek medical treatment and draw a nexus between the unhealthy emissions and their particular health situation.

We have numerous specific questions regarding all of the above-mentioned emissions, toxics, how they are monitored, monitoring levels, frequency of monitoring, enforcement of non-compliance, the known health risks associated with the emissions and toxins, but believe that the proper forum would be to have a public hearing where such exchanges are possible. Another question that we have is the impact of the cumulative concentration of diesel emissions from trucks, emissions from Heath Oil and the additional emissions from the asphalt plant.

We appreciate your attention to this matter of vital importance to the residents of the Borough of Barkeyville.

Sincerely yours,



WILLIAM D. COURSEN



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If this does not meet the requirement for justifying a public hearing, please advise and we will modify the information.