

MY NAME IS SUSIE MARTIN AND I AM HERE TO ADDRESS YOU ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE.....I LIVE ON STEVENSON ROAD....I HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOME ON STEVENSON ROAD. THERE ARE FOUR GENERATIONS OF MY HUSBAND'S FAMILY LIVING ON STEVENSON ROAD FROM HIS 90 YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER TO OUR 5 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. MY HUSBAND HAS LIVED ON THE SAME PROPERTY FOR ALMOST 40YEARS, THE FIELD WHERE HE RAN WILD AS CHILD IS NOW WHERE OUR HOME SITS, THE HOME THAT HE BUILT HIMSELF. WE HAVE AN ATTACHMENT TO THIS PLACE THAT GOES BACK A LIFETIME. NOW WE CAN EITHER TRY TO MOVE AWAY FROM WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS GOING TO BE OUR HOME FOR OUR ENTIRE LIFE OR WE CAN HAVE A DEATH SENTENCE OF BREATHING DIRTY AIR. I CAN NOT STAND HERE AND TELL YOU ABOUT ALL THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF EMISSIONS THIS PLANT IS EXPECTED TO EMIT. BUT I DO KNOW THAT ANY AMOUNT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THIS ENTIRE COMMUNITY. I AM NOT GOING TO STAND HERE AND SAY THAT ASPHALT PLANTS ARE BAD, I UNDERSTAND THAT WE NEED THEM.. BUT WITH THAT SAID WE DO NOT NEED ONE OF THIS SIZE OR ONE THAT IS GOING TO BE COAL FIRED IN THIS SMALL COMMUNITY. THERE ARE TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS WITH THIS PLANT. **THE FACT THAT THE BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY IS NOT GOING TO BE USED TO SAVE ON COSTS AND THAT THEY WILL BE PULVERIZING COAL TO POWER THIS PLANT PLUS THE FACT THAT THE AIR WILL VIRTUALLY GO UNTESTED FOR THE FIRST 180 DAYS. WE REALLY WILL NOT KNOW WHAT AMOUNT OF POLLUTANTS ARE GOING INTO OUR AIR.....WE ARE KINDA LIKE THE TEST RATS IN A LABORTORY. BUT IN THIS CASE TEST HUMANS. I HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN, THEY MEAN MORE TO ME THAN TO HAVE THEM EXPOSED TO THIS.**

SOME MIGHT SAY THAT THESE POLLUTANTS WON'T HURT US, THAT WE ARE OVER REACTING. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO TAKE THAT CHANCE.. I WATCHED MY GRANDFATHER DIE FROM LUNG CANCER...HOW COULD A STRONG, HEALTHY MAN GET LUNG CANCER? THAT QUESTION REMAINS. COULD THE FACT THAT HE WORKED IN A STEEL MILL THAT HAD FURNACES POWERED BY COAL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT? THAT IS VERY POSSIBLE.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE DEP IS PROBALBY GOING TO GIVE THEM THEIR PERMITS NO MATTER WHAT WE SAY HERE TONIGHT OR HOW MANY LETTERS THEY GET BEFORE THE COMMENT PERIOD ENDS. I HOPE THAT IS NOT THE CASE...I HOPE YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD HERE TONIGHT AND WHAT YOU READ IN THE LETTERS YOU RECEIVE.

I TRULY BELIEVE THAT ANY AMOUNT OF EMISSIONS FROM A COAL FIRED PLANT IS TOO MUCH. THE AIR I BREATHE AND THE AIR THAT MY CHILDREN BREATHE IS TOO PRECIOUS. THIS PLANT HAS THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE HERE TONIGHT.... BUT THE LIVES THAT IT WILL CHANGE NEGATIVELY ARE THE LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS OF BARKEYVILLE , PA . **OUR LIVES ARE WORTH MORE THAN ANYTHING AN ASPHALT PLANT COULD EVER BRING TO THIS COMMUNITY.**