

To: Susan Svirsky/R1/USEPA/US@EPA
From: "Kevin Sherman"
Date: 04/03/2008 12:41PM
Subject: Rest of the River proposal

Dear Susan,

My name is Kevin Sherman and I'm an At Large City Councilor for the City of Pittsfield. I'm writing to respectfully and strongly urge that no consideration be given for a landfill to be created on East New Lenox Rd. or in any location in Pittsfield or Berkshire County as a result of the Rest of the River proposal.

While the clean up of the Housatonic River is necessary, it would seem counterintuitive from an environmental standpoint to place any of the removed toxins within feet of the site or anywhere near the affected area.

The area in question is surrounded by farm land, residential housing, and parks. Pittsfield currently contains the results of a previous clean up adjacent to an elementary school and the community will not accept another structure. Additionally, it is not acceptable to place the burden of a toxic waste site removed by the perpetrators of the pollution on any of our neighboring towns throughout Berkshire County.

It is unclear if the current proposal contains landfill locations or if that will proceed following your review of the current proposal.

Either way I feel it is necessary to voice my opinion in the matter and I hope that whether the landfill is proposed now or will be proposed following the acceptance of the current proposal that you will evaluate the community's passion and concerns with regard to public health and safety as well our pride in our community.

A large part of the charm of Pittsfield and the Berkshires is our natural beauty and commitment to our environment. Having a second toxic landfill in the Heart of the Berkshires is not representative of who we are, presents potential public health issues, and will be a detriment as we attempt to attract and retain business and young professionals.

I hope that you will understand our position and deny any proposed sites for toxic waste landfills in Pittsfield or Berkshire County.

Thank you for time and consideration in the matter, Susan. If you have

any
questions or concerns, please feel free to reach me at (413) 822-9511
or
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Sincerely,

Kevin J. Sherman
City Councilor At Large
City of Pittsfield

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