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Dear Lauren,

I would appreciate you confirming that you have received my commens attached.

Thank you.

Paul Connett, PhD

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November 12, 2015

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Dear Ms. Lauren McGee Rayburn,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service for the Arecibo Waste-to-Energy and Resource Recovery Project.

I have attached the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives's (GAIA) comments to this email. Please acknowledge receipt, and thank you for your help.

All the best,
Ahmina

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Dear Ms. Rayburn,

Attached please find comments on the Draft EIS for the Arecibo Incinerator Project submitted on behalf of Amigos del Río Guaynabo, Inc., Ciudadanos en Defensa del Ambiente, Comité Basura Cero Arecibo, Madres de Negro de Arecibo, and Sierra Club de Puerto Rico. A courtesy hard copy will follow. We would appreciate confirmation of receipt.

Thank you,
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Hello Laura,

My name is Myrna Conty. I am the coordinator of the Coalition of Organizations Against Incineration in Puerto Rico. I am also the president of Amigos del Río Guaynabo, Inc. an environmental group and part of this Coalition. My main comments will be sent by Earthjustice and the Environmental & Natural Resource Law Clinic of the University of Vermont Law School, who are representing my group.

I also wanted to make sure you received my formal complaint (attached to this email) to Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, sent on September 28, 2015. In this letter I expressed my disappointment on the way that the public hearing held in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, on August 20, 2015 was conducted. This was a violation to our public participation, which is a requirement for the National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA, it should not be just a protocol. To this date, I have not received an official response to this complaint and I am very upset about the lack of responsibility of this agency. This is exactly the same way the public hearing was held.

I think RUS should not allow or give a loan or loan guarantee to Energy Answers to build an Incinerator in Arecibo. This is a waste of taxpayer's dollars and should be invested in Agricultural projects in Puerto Rico, zero waste, recycling and composting projects. It is contradictory to your agency's mission and is putting at risk Puerto Rico's agriculture, public health and environment.

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Gracias,

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Subject: Comments on Draft EIS of July, 2015 on Energy Answers Arecibo Incineration Project

Dear Ms. McGee:

I analyzed the Arecibo Waste-to-Energy and Resources Recovery Project (Project) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in light of the comments I made by letter to Stephanie Strength on February 9, 2015 (enclosure 1) in response to the Public Scoping prior to the development of the EIS. It appears that the EIS only focuses on the benefits to the Project, while ignoring the costs to the public and the environment.

I find the EIS dated July 2015 to be incomplete and inadequate because it fails to disclose and recognize several major negative environmental impacts of the Project. Without such disclosures and discussion of ignored issues, it would appear impossible for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (USDA RUS) to make a determination of no significant environmental impact of the Project without becoming embroiled in a cover-up of significant environmental impacts of the proposed action. Public health is at stake.

The EIS is focused on the local environmental impacts of the Project (a radius of 10 km around the property) as if this Project was designed to function in the context of such a restricted geographical area. In reality, the Project is insular in scope and effects, and its environmental impacts need to be addressed at both the local and insular (Island-wide) scales. The Project concentrates in one place the solid waste produced by about 34 municipalities (44 percent of all the Island municipalities) plus materials from other undisclosed locations. The materials to be incinerated comprise almost 60 percent of the total solid waste production in the Island. Also, pages 2-11 state that municipalities outside these 34 ones could also use the Project to dispose their solid waste material. Island-wide environmental impacts accrue in the process of concentrating the solid waste material, a process that significantly affect the strained finances of affected municipalities, their solid waste management programs, as well as the environmental impacts associated with moving solid waste materials from many municipalities of the Island to the incineration point. The energy and financial costs and environmental effects of moving solid waste materials and toxic ashes throughout the Island, which the EIS ignores, need to be subtracted from the small benefits of energy generation, which the EIS highlights.

The Project also impacts the prospects of recycling solid wastes at insular scale by diverting most of the solid waste production towards incineration. Moreover, the Project concentrates toxic pollutants and sea salts, that when returned to the environment, will disperse widely and affect larger areas than those disclosed in the EIS. For example, where in the Island will potentially toxic ash material be deposited? The disposition of toxic ashes is an Island-wide issue, not even addressed by the EIS (p 2-19).

The following discussion includes my reasoning for asserting that eight issues are ignored or poorly treated in the EIS, thus supporting my assertion that the July, 2015 EIS circulated to the public fails to satisfy the purposes for which an EIS is prepared in the first place. The eight issues are not in any order of importance but either individually, and certainly as a group, demonstrate that the proposed action cannot be justified on environmental grounds.

1. **Undisclosed issues that must be disclosed to complete the EIS.** The EIS fails to disclose three items that are essential for a complete environmental impact assessment. First, not all the sources of solid waste materials to be incinerated are listed. In addition to the municipal waste to be used by the Project, they will be accepting other materials such as automotive shredder residue, tire-derived fuel, processed urban wood waste, and other materials whose precedence, chemical composition, and quantity are not listed (pages 2-11 and 2-14). This is important because it affects the level and quality of emissions in gaseous and ash forms to be emitted by the Project. None of these additional sources are included in the EIS analysis. Clearly, incineration of novel materials not included in the EIS must be disclosed because of the additional types and quantities of emissions that will be added to the environment.

A second omission involves the identity of the municipalities from which solid waste material will be hauled to the Project. Figure 2.2 (pages 2-11) is misleading because it gives the impression that only those 34 municipalities highlighted in green will supply solid waste materials to the Project. In fact, the law that enabled the Project to acquire solid waste from municipalities involves municipalities in the whole Island. The identification of the geography from which solid wastes will be hauled to the Project is a critical item for assessing social justice (discussed below) and for estimating the costs and environmental impact of concentrating solid waste in one place. The EIS does not analyze these costs and impacts, and in so doing, misleads by ignoring the real environmental impacts of the Project.

The third omission is that the EIS does not disclose the location of the final deposition of toxic ash material from the Project. The EIS only states that toxic ash disposition will be "in an authorized landfill" (pages 2-19). This is a serious omission because solid toxic ash represents 20 percent of the

material processed at the incinerator (pages 2-19) or 453 tons per day (153,300 tons/yr or 132,860 tons/yr if recycling of materials are subtracted). Since these ashes are known to contain toxic materials, disclosing where they will be disposed is critical for the viability of the Project and the validity and credibility of the EIS. Given the problems that the Island is having at present with the disposal of ash from a coal-fired power plant, it behooves the government to inform the public about where in the crowded island this additional tonnage of toxic ash will be disposed of and the potential environmental impacts of transporting and disposing of these toxic materials. Moreover, hauling of this material generates thousands of trips by loaded trucks (pages 2-35) with potential impacts on safety, human health, infrastructure, traffic, energy consumption, gas emissions, accidents, etc. Appendix H of the EIS only considers traffic during construction of the proposed Project.

- 2. The erroneous use of concentration values to assess the environmental effects of toxic substances.** The analysis of the effects of toxic substances produced by the Project in the form of solid or fly ash and gases emitted to the atmosphere are based on concentration data. The concentration of some (but not all¹) of the toxic substances resulting from incineration of solid waste is used to compare with their respective concentrations in different portions (soils, water, organisms) of the receiving ecological systems in the close vicinity of the Project. Typically, for those few materials so tested, the finding is that the concentrations in the by-products of incineration (toxic ash and gases) are several orders of magnitude lower than their concentration in the components of the receiving ecosystems. From these differences in concentration, proponents conclude that there are no ecological effects, given the low concentrations of these materials in ash and emitted gases.

There are two problems with the way this environmental impact was analyzed. First, not all of the few toxic pollutants disclosed in the EIS as emitted to the environment were tested, which means the analysis is incomplete. Thus, the USDA RUS will have no idea of which, how many, or how much toxic materials are being emitted to the environment at hurricane wind speeds of about 30 m/s, and have even less knowledge of the harm being done to people and natural systems. Second, the analysis assumes that dilution (or low concentration of substances) is the determinant of ecological effects. These determinations of concentration are based on models certified by the government for use in temperate zones but whose effectiveness in tropical conditions has not been established. For example, the model assumptions fail to capture the complexity of the topography, atmosphere, and ecological systems in the Arecibo region. At best, the

¹ Amazingly, 42 percent of the mass burned is not accounted for and of those pollutants that are disclosed, not all are regulated or considered in the EIS analysis.

model outputs are questionable while the ecological reasoning is wrong because ecological systems do not operate by dilution principles. They concentrate matter following laws of stoichiometry and conservation of matter and energy.

Ecological systems are known for their ability to concentrate substances as it is well known with DDT, radiation, and heavy metals. What is critical to know in order to make a determination of environmental impact is the load or absolute amount of material disposed to the environment, how that load is transported by food chains and ecological fluxes, and the locations in the environment where they accumulate (sinks). Because of the conservation of mass law, an ecological system may be exposed to low, but steady, concentrations of toxic substances, and over time concentrate them into levels with significant health and environmental effects.

The available loads of toxic substances emitted to the environment by the Project are summarized in Table 1. The values, expressed annually and over the 30 years of Project life, are high, and would be even higher if Project life is greater than 30 years (Project Life is not clear as pages 3-9, 3-28, and 3-75 indicate a 50 year Project Life). Nowhere in the EIS do the proponents disclose the eventual sinks of these materials and the effects they may have when concentrated (below I expand on this discussion). The important point here is that the EIS is incomplete by not analyzing the effects of all the toxic substances emitted to the environment, is inaccurate by using unrealistic models with a poor data base and no validation, and is wrong by using only concentration data to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed action. The cumulative impact of high loads of toxic materials (hundreds and thousands of tons in some cases) on agricultural fields, natural systems, and human communities is not disclosed.

- 3. The concentration of sea salts in sanitary waters.** Brackish water will be used for cooling of the boilers. The EIS indicates that 2.1 million gallons per day of water with different levels of salinity (depending on the available freshwater runoff to dilute sea water) will be stored in a pond and used for plant cooling. The EIS does not explicitly discuss the ultimate disposition of this water into the environment, although on pages 3-36 it indicates that sanitary waters from the project will amount to 800,000 gallons per day, which is higher than the 100,000 gallons per day of potable water obtained from the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority. The difference between the intake of water into the Project and the return to the environment must be accounted by evaporation of water during the cooling process. If this is the case, and assuming that water from the El Vigía pumping station has a salinity of 10 percent of seawater (Appendix N of the EIS states on page 11 that the salinity could vary between 17 and 41 percent seawater), one can estimate that every day the Project imports 23.8 tons of salt that need to be disposed. The salt imported to the site could reach over

100 tons per day if the brackish water is 41 percent of seawater. If that salt is added to the 800,000 gallons of sanitary water, the Project is basically returning sanitary waters with more salinity than seawater through the Island's sanitary system. The public infrastructure is not designed to handle so much salt. This environmental impact needs to be assessed. Better clarity is needed regarding the disposition of salt from the use of brackish water for the cooling of the incinerator.

There is also an impact on coastal wetlands by the diversion of this brackish water to the Project. The discussion of environmental effect of the diversion (pages 3-35) concludes that the effect is minimal because the amount of water extraction is small (2 to 7 percent of the water pumped at El Vigía). But the ecological effects of water diversion cannot be assessed by hydrological quantity alone; it requires consideration of changes in hydroperiod and water quality on affected ecosystems, which are not even identified in the EIS. If the Project changes water salinity, for example, it would have an undisclosed effect on estuarine productivity.

4. **Excessive loads of toxic substances and acidification of the karst environment.** Table 1 contains the quantities of toxic materials and acids emitted by the Project to the environment (pages 3-47 and 3-48). Data include the annual level of production of toxic materials, the production over the 30 years that the Project is operational, and the load of toxic materials per square kilometer of land around the Project.

I calculated the load dividing the total emission of toxic materials by the area influenced by the Project, which is assumed to be 157 km². In appendices K and L of the EIS, it is stated that most of the emissions are dispersed on a 10 km radius around the incinerator (314 km²). However, the EIS argues that because of wind direction, about half of that area will not be exposed to toxic material loading. That means that the emissions will be even more concentrated than if all 314 km² were exposed to the toxic materials. In reality, the area affected by toxic emissions from the Project will be larger during periods of drought, and smaller during periods of heavy rain. Rainfall will precipitate toxic materials near the Project, thus overloading those ecological or human settlements nearby. During periods of drought, toxic materials will be transported longer distances than the 10 km assumed by the EIS. Wind direction and the time that wind remains in particular trajectories also influence the area to be affected by the toxic emissions from the Project but the wind data in the EIS is not sufficient to reach reliable conclusions.

Because the EIS fails to consider the impacts of loads of toxic substances on people, ecosystems, and wildlife, and relies instead on concentration values (discussed above), none of the potential ecological impacts are properly addressed by the EIS. The burden of proof is on the proponent and

sponsoring federal agency, and so, I will only provide two examples of how inadequate the EIS is in its evaluation of the environmental impacts of the emission of toxic substances by the Project.

First, the levels of the cumulative loads of toxic substances over the landscape are significantly large on an annual and a geographic basis (Table 1). The EIS assumes that all these materials “evaporate” in the atmosphere, soil, and waters around Arecibo, Puerto Rico. No effort is made to assess where this tonnage is accumulating, its final environmental sink, or the effects it has as it travels through food chains, plant and animal populations, through human settlements, sediments of wetlands or rivers and underground aquifers. What are the effects of toxic loads in the milk industry, given that karst systems concentrate organic matter and chemical substances in soils and plants that lead to cows, milk, and people? The EIS needs to produce maps of the northern region of Puerto Rico with spatial data of the distribution of toxic materials that are emitted through the stacks of the Project.

Second, consider only the effect of emitted acids on the karst ecosystem. The tonnage of acid production by the Project shown in Table 1² adds up to over 1,466 Mg of acid per year, or a load of 9.34 Mg/km².year, which translates to 280 Mg/km² over the 30-year period of Project operations. This is a level of acidity sufficient to dissolve karst rocks. In short, the project produces acids in quantities that accelerate the erosion of the karst. Acids change the chemistry of karst soils and thus could also affect the productivity of the karst systems. Water quality could also be affected and the proximity of the water sources for the San Juan Metropolitan Area is another concern. With so much acid production by this Project, the public should be informed of the potential effects this will have on the landscape, its ecosystems, water resources, and public infrastructure. The EIS simply ignores all these potential effects of the Project.

5. **The potential effects of sea level rise on flooding levels.** When project consultants evaluated the ground water at the Project site for potential use for cooling, they found brackish water with 50 percent seawater strength at the site (p 2-6). This indicates the presence of the ocean below the low reaches of the floodplain where the Project is located. Nearby canals are lined with mangroves, also indicate the presence of seawater and tides. To overcome the expected floods of the site (located at 1 to 7.5 m above mean sea level (msl), page 2-9), the proponent intends to raise the site to 6.3 meters above msl (page 3-9), or about 50 cm higher than the expected high water from the 100-yr flood at the site (4.8 to 5.8 m above msl in FEMA Flood Zone Map; 5.27 m above msl in a model output on page 3-27). During Hurricane Georges, floodwaters at “the plant site” (Central Cambalache?)

² Excluding the acid produced by 924,750 Mg of CO₂/yr produced by the Project

ranged from 5.2 to 7.3 m above msl (page 3-25). The question from investors should be: is a 50 cm difference between high floodwater and site elevation sufficient to protect the Project investment? The margin of error is really small!

Sea level is already increasing at a rapid rate in the north coast of Puerto Rico, and is expected to rise about 22 cm from current levels in the next 50 years (based on actual measurements in San Juan, PR). One would expect a backwater effect in the floodplain where the Project is located due to higher sea levels. Increased sea level will also raise the already salty and close to the surface water table of the floodplain (0.6 to 1.5 meters above msl in elevation at the site, page 3-18). Moreover, the maps used in the EIS use a msl estimate that is lower than the present one because they are based on an old datum not corrected for current sea level. Therefore, the elevations in these maps give a false illusion of land elevation relative to sea level.

The issue of sea level increase and its potential effect on the depth of floodwaters should be a real concern for such a high investment located in a site with such a vulnerability to flooding. Centimeter-level differences are determining whether the elevated base of the project will flood or not, in a future scenario of extreme rainfall events and higher sea levels. Moreover, the location of the site relative to geotechnical considerations and required depth to sink pilings for building stability, further enhance the vulnerable location for this Project (Appendix A of the EIS).

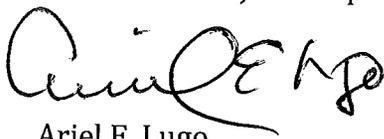
6. **Effects of the Project on social justice.** Appendix J of the EIS limits the Environmental Justice analysis to a single community adjacent to the Project, and finding that their economic situation is better than average, concludes that no effect on social justice can be attributed to the Project. This self-serving approach and conclusion ignores the fact that the scope of the Project transcends the local community and reaches most of the Island involved in supplying solid waste materials, losing the possibility of a recycling program, being exposed to toxic air and toxic ashes, or being affected by increased loads of toxic chemicals in their environment. The social justice issue hinges on whether particular social groups are disproportionately affected by the action proposed by the Project. The EIS fails in identifying the affected population by conducting a very narrow analysis.

There is enormous opposition to this Project among the public based on the lack of disclosure of all the hazards to humans and the environment and the few opportunities that the public has had to participate and learn about all the ramifications of the proposed Project. The average person affected by the Project has no means to understand the hazards to which they are being exposed because the EIS is written in a foreign technical language with

technical information presented in an unfriendly way even to subject specialists.

Moreover, the Commonwealth Law that forces municipalities to pay for, and provide all of their solid waste materials to the Project, transfers to the public the cost of the delivery of solid waste materials to the Project. The costs to municipalities are much higher than what they pay today, and most of these municipalities are rural and poor. These are social justice issues not disclosed in the EIS that deserve attention, particularly when the proponent agency is a USDA agency serving rural communities. This Project uses public funds to make a profit while causing rural communities to subsidize the operation through increased costs of hauling and processing solid wastes and risking their health by absorbing the environmental impacts. The effects on Municipal finances and services to people are subjects of social justice not covered by the EIS.

7. **Effects of the Project on the solid waste recycling program of the Island.** The EIS explains very well the failure of the Commonwealth's recycling program and its lack of attainment. However, the EIS fails to disclose the progress being made by many sectors of society, including municipalities, in the recycling of solid waste materials. By its sheer size, the Project will have impacts on these initiatives and in the prospects of success for recycling in Puerto Rico as a whole. By burning most of the solid waste generated in the island, this Project forecloses any possibilities of recycling, including the jobs and economic potential of that enterprise. Losses to agriculture also affect economic development opportunities in rural areas. The discussion of alternatives to incineration fails to consider recycling as an alternative, thus displaying another inadequacy of the EIS.
8. **Island-wide effects of the Project on solid waste management.** Forcing municipal governments to provide solid waste materials to the Project, hauling garbage from all directions of the island into one place and returning toxic ashes back to undisclosed locations, and eliminating the possibilities of recycling alters the whole fabric and future of solid waste management in Puerto Rico. The EIS is inadequate in discussing its impact on the whole solid waste management industry. Would smaller and more regional units of incineration coupled to recycling best serve the Island as an alternative to the Project as was anticipated in the approved 25-year plan of the Commonwealth Solid Waste Management Authority? Alternatives to this Project are poorly developed in the EIS.



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Enclosures (2)
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Table 1. Emission rates of hazardous pollutants emitted by the Arcibo incinerator in metric tons (Mg) and the factor by which they exceed the level of "significant emission rate". Data are from pages 3-47 and 3-48 of the EIS. Emissions are projected to 30 years of plant operation and loads estimated using an affected area of 157 km² (see text for discussion). There are significant discrepancies between the emission numbers in the EIS and those in its Appendix C, page 15.

Hazardous Pollutant	Emission Rate (Mg/yr)	Annual Emission / Significant Emission	Mg of Emission and Load per km ² Over 30 yr		Annual Load (kg/km ²)
			Emission	Load	
*Carbon monoxide	702	3.57	21,060	134.140	4471.3
*Nitrogen oxides	353	8.8	10,590	67.452	2248.4
*Sulfur dioxide	260	6.5	7,800	49.682	1656.1
Particulate matter (filterable)	51.7	2.07	1,551	9.879	329.3
Particulate matter < 10 microns (filterable and condensable)	104	6.93	3,120	19.873	662.4
Particulate matter < 2.5 microns (filterable and condensable)	90	9	2,700	17.197	573.2
Volatile organic as precursor of ozone	52.4	1.31	1,572	10.013	333.8
Lead	0.31	0.52	9.3	0.059	2.0
Beryllium	0.0032	8	0.1	0.00061	0.020
Nickel	0.024	NR	0.7	0.00459	0.153
Cadmium	0.041	NR	1.2	0.00783	0.261
Chromium	0.016	NR	0.5	0.00306	0.102
Zink	0.93	NR	27.9	0.178	5.9
Amonnia	28.8	NR	864	5.503	183.4
*Fluorides	10.8	3.6	324	2.064	68.8
Mercury	0.0692	0.69	2.1	0.013	0.441
*Sulfuric acid	16.6	2.37	498	3.172	105.7
*Hydrogen chloride	124	NR	3,720	23.694	789.8

Municipal waste combustor organics measured as 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorobenzodioxin	4.07E-05	11.63	1.22E-03	0.00000078	0.0003
Municipal waste combustor metals measured as particulate matter	42.8	2.85	1,284	8.178	272.6
*Municipal waste combustor acid gases measured as sulfur dioxide and hydrogen chloride	415	10.38	12,450	79.299	2643.3
Arsenic	0.002	∞	0.06	0.00038	0.013

NR = Not Regulated

*Acids or lead to acids when mixed with water or oxygen in the case of carbon monoxide. Acid produced by 924,750 Mg CO₂/yr is not included.

February 9, 2015

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Subject: Public Scoping for RUS Environmental Impact Statement Related to Energy Answers Arecibo Incineration Project (Project)

Dear Ms. Strength:

I am happy to see the federal government involved with the Energy Answers Arecibo Incineration Project (Project) because up to this time the formal evaluation of the Project has not been transparent, public involvement has been curtailed by the lack of public disclosure of vital aspects of the proposal, and the result has been the perception that the outcome of this proposal has already been decided in favor of the Project regardless of social and environmental consequences. Your federal agency has an opportunity to take a fresh and comprehensive look at the elements of the Project and decide if they are or not sound and beneficial or not for the public good.

Regarding your agency involvement in this issue, I am curious to know if you view this Project as a rural enterprise given that Puerto Rico is mostly an urban island and the Project serves an urban population, not a rural one. Moreover, is your investment for electric power appropriate through an energy inefficient solid waste approach? Particularly considering that Puerto Rico has an excess of power production and with declining population may require less in the future. In short, does this Project offer a compelling economic case for USDA in light of the social and environmental costs of the proposal? How strong is the proposed action when compared with the no-action alternative? We don't know this because the environmental review to date has apparently assumed that this Project is a done deal and thus, alternative actions such as the no-action alternative have been either ignored or poorly developed.

Five issues (in bold) that must be addressed in the analysis of this Project are:

The changing social conditions in the Island. The Project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) contains obsolete population estimates for Puerto Rico because the current population migration to the United States mainland with subsequent reduction in population was not included, nor were the implications of this population reduction to the social and economic conditions affecting the Project including the production of solid waste materials. Moreover, the age of the population and the type of economic activity that it engages on have changed

dramatically in the past decade. Given the nature of the Project, it is imperative that its planning and viability be determined by realistic population estimates, whose trends today are moving in the opposite direction to those anticipated by earlier Project documentation. A 500,000 people swing in population results in many tons of solid waste not produced everyday and the gap between reality and the Project estimates is wider because they projected increases while the population actually decreased.

Equally important for the analysis of the Project is the recent demonstration of the viability of profitable recycling alternatives for dealing with the Island's solid waste problem. The municipalities of Carolina and Guaynabo, to name two, export recycled materials from solid waste, make a profit, and provide jobs to people. This alternative to the Project requires analysis in terms of future competition for solid waste (which affects Project viability) as well as an alternate action to the Project. In the analysis of alternatives to the Project, new and accurate information will be needed concerning the composition of the solid waste produced in the Island. Such information not only helps in the evaluation of alternative uses of materials (such as recycling) but also will inform about the types materials (including toxic ones) that will be concentrated by the Project residual ashes and atmospheric emissions.

The vulnerability of the selected site for this proposal. The selected site is in the floodplain of the Río Grande de Arecibo, a river that can occupy the whole floodplain when it reaches flood stage. This particular location is also close to valuable natural resources such as rich agricultural soils, highly productive estuaries, magnificent karst forests and karst topography, and beautiful vistas of a particularly attractive part of Puerto Rico. To protect the site from the 100-year flood, the Project intends to isolate the site from the rest of the floodway. To do so they must lower the topographic elevation between the site and the river channel. This is expected to provide more space for floodwater discharge during floods. This action will likely alter or eliminate a natural river meander, which requires a justification and environmental impact analysis. The proponent wants to change the topography and functioning of public lands for its private economic benefit and the public deserves a cost/benefit analysis for such a tradeoff.

Assuming the proponent changes the topography to isolate the site from the river's floodway, the rest of the floodplain should be under water after the 100-year flood. The Project will not flood, assuming its topography is above 5.2 m elevation above mean sea level. What is not clear is if the Project will be able to function under those conditions. If all access roads are flooded, how will the Project get its raw materials? Considering that this activity is designed to serve not only the surrounding region but also most of the Island, it would appear that a vital cog of the solid waste infrastructure of Puerto Rico is being located at a vulnerable site during frequent periods of floods and hurricanes. This is in spite of a Presidential Executive Order and numerous local and federal laws and regulations that discourage these kinds of locations for developments.

Also, if 100-year flood levels reach 5.2 m at the site, and the site's topographic elevation ranges from about 3.0 to 4.6 m, how will the site be protected from flooding? Information about the history of flooding at the site could be helpful for clarifying whether site will flood or not after the implementation of the proposed topographic leveling east of the Project. It would also be useful to the public if the topographic maps in the documents available for review could be drawn in a way that the information about elevations on the maps could be read. Another related question is the functioning of retention ponds, which will be dug to 2 m depth. How effective are these ponds if the water table rises above the ponds during floods? Documents should include a simple diagram that includes the current and future topography of the site, variation of water table levels, and changes in flood heights with different storms intensities. This information is scattered and hidden in technical detail (topographic maps in documents have small letters and do not identify clearly the elevation within the site). Therefore, it is difficult to understand how the site and its infrastructure will perform during extreme floods.

Potential incompatibilities among the proposed action and affected social and ecological systems. The Project is designed to process a significant fraction of the solid waste generated in the Island. The Project design capacity is almost double the capacity of solid waste production of Puerto Rico's northwest, which means that a lot of solid waste will have to come from outside the region. Recovery of potentially recyclable materials among the solid waste received in the Project will be minimal. Thus, the Project pretty much closes out the possibility of alternative approaches to solid waste management including the possibility of a recycling program for Puerto Rico. If true, this statement requires serious consideration. If the Arecibo Project commits the Island to a particular solution to its solid waste disposal and closes out many local recycling, reuse, and reduction of waste initiatives, one expects a more comprehensive analysis of alternatives, which current documents do not include.

It is unclear whether municipalities will or not be forced to produce a set amount of solid waste to the Project (the EIS says no, but press reports contradict these statements). If municipalities are forced to accept the Arecibo Project as the site where all their solid waste is to be disposed of, then the incentive for smaller-scale solutions to waste disposal are lost as the Project will require a steady supply of material to remain operational. True that Puerto Rico is behind in recycling, but this is not because its people are somehow insensitive to this issue. Lack of recycling programs and opportunities explain the current state of affairs and those who look out for the public good must carefully weigh the consequences of concentrating so much responsibility on a single Project. If the Project fails, the whole Island fails.

The current justifications for the Project do not analyze the increased costs of transporting solid waste to Arecibo. Current documents pass this responsibility and costs to other agencies of government while claiming only the benefits of the Project. What is the cost and effects of transporting over long distances so much

solid waste from many municipalities to a single location? Burning of fossil fuel, air pollution, noise, road deterioration, increased truck traffic, etc. all require careful consideration because these actions are precipitated by the Project. Moreover, what produces more jobs and economic activity, the Project or an effective Island-wide recycling program? Nowhere are serious alternatives to incineration discussed in available documents.

The use of water from the Caño Tiburones assumes that the water pumped by the Commonwealth at El Vigía is somehow excess water no longer needed for coastal systems or the Caño itself. The selection of this alternative over the recycling of sanitary waters was done without an analysis of the ecological effects of reducing freshwater input into coastal wetlands and coastal waters while increasing marine influence on the coastal zone. Assurances are needed to the effect that the water withdrawal can be sustained without irreversible change in salinity or functioning of coastal wetlands.

Disclosure and analysis of the full array of environmental effects of the proposal. To date, no one knows where the ash from the incinerator will be deposited. It is impossible to properly evaluate the Project if a major long-term effect of its implementation and approval occurs outside the selected location and those effects cannot be examined because the locations are not disclosed. The issue is compounded by the possibility of releasing toxic substances to the environment and the already difficult situation in the Island with the disposal of ash residues from another energy-generating plant.

The proposed atmospheric output of the incinerator will comply with the concentration levels in federal regulations, but that compliance does not automatically mean that the toxic materials in air and ash (including fly ash) will not affect social and ecological systems. The Project is located near human communities, agricultural activities, and ecological systems that could be affected by EPA-compliant air. These social and ecological systems do not only respond to concentration of toxins in materials or air, but also to the absolute amounts of these toxic materials. An historical analogy is instructive.

In the 1960's atmospheric nuclear explosions were globally banned because of the phenomena of ecological concentration and magnification of nuclides. Ecological systems such as Florida pastures were exposed to low concentrations of radioactivity and through their natural functioning concentrated and returned the nuclides to people in the form of radioactive milk, including radioactive breast-feeding milk in humans. I have not seen a calculation of the absolute amount of toxins to be released in the atmosphere and their fate on the landscape other than expected dilution either in the atmosphere or elsewhere. All relevant data are reported in units of concentration that appear very small and within regulations. But what is the long-term absolute amount of these toxic substances discharged into the social and ecological environment of Puerto Rico?

The karst forests and karst pastures in the vicinity of the incinerator concentrate nutrients and organic matter over the nutrient-poor rocks, much like Florida forests and pastures do when growing on sandy soils. Will these tropical systems concentrate toxins and return them to humans in their milk and food? This is a question that should be of enormous interest to USDA because the karst region where the Project is located supports the milk industry of the Island, one of the few agricultural activities that are almost self-sustaining in Puerto Rico. To be convincing that this Project has no effects on people or ecosystems it will be necessary to construct a mass balance of materials, including the toxic ones that escape the site through the air or ashes. Using the law of mass conservation, such a mass balance needs to be expressed in units of weight per unit area and unit time. Ecological research should establish the concentration power of toxic substances by karst forests and pastures. This will allow a quantitative assessment of the load of chemicals that this Project will have over the surrounding ecosystems and human communities, over the long run.

Long-Term Aspects of the Project. The fundamental issues that require special attention when addressing the environmental impact of this Project are its effects over the long-term. For example: long-term effects on:

- The level of recycling in the island,
- The transportation costs and effects of hauling garbage long distances to Arecibo,
- The potential accumulation of toxins by forests and pastures and their potential transfer to people,
- The environment due to accumulating ashes in undisclosed locations,
- The changing hydrologic conditions around Caño Tiburones, and
- The rapidly evolving demographic and economic situation of the Island (and vice versa).

To effectively address the five issues that I have outlined in this letter, your agency must not depend on previous documentation used to justify this proposal through the local jurisdictions. Any cursory review of past documentation quickly establishes that the record is incomplete, obsolete, and misleading. For example past documents, do not disclose the location for the disposal of ash, it contains obsolete population data, and it misleads on how waste management of municipalities will be affected by the proposal. The ecological consequences of potential natural concentrations of toxins are ignored. Moreover, as I discuss above, the effects of the Project has to be considered over the long-term because this is a decision that affects many components of the economic, social, and ecological systems of the Puerto Rico for decades to come.

The USDA has an opportunity to help this Island make a decision of fundamental importance to its future in a way that is open and fair and which discloses all the potential benefits and hazards of what is being proposed.

Sincerely,

Ariel E. Lugo
Támesis 1528
San Juan, PR 00926



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Arecibo P.R.
21 octubre 2015

R. U. S.

Señores:

Estuve presente en Vistas Publicas en Arecibo y esto fue un atropello a la Comunidad de Arecibo al no darnos la oportunidad de manifestar que no apruebo la planta de Energy Answers en Arecibo y que es contra una ciudad pobre y desvalida que Uds. van a hacer daño al aprobar un dinero para causarnos enfermedades.

Eso será un exterminio de la población y futuros niños.

Es un acto de mala fe el regalarte este dinero para causar la muerte.

Arepíentense antes de que sea MUY TARDE.

Atentamente

Migdali Martínez
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Las cenizas no se respiran, porque
el cáncer no es de la naturaleza,
porque nuestros niños merecen tener
este mundo igual o mejor que
como nos lo entregaron prestado.

Atentamente,

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Manatí, P.R.

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Este proyecto es de total destrucción al ambiente
y la salud del pueblo de Aveico y áreas adya-
cente tanto en este momento como para futuras
generaciones. La población sufrirá por el venafi-
cio económico de los que lo preparan, sob con la
extensión del tacro.

Atentamente,

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*ES UN PELIGRO INMEDIATO y muy
GRANDE PARA EL AMBIENTE y LA SALUD
DEL AREA NORTE y DE TODO PUERTO RICO*

Atentamente,

NESTOR NAZARIO TRAVEZ
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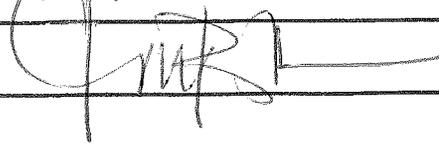
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SE DEBEN CONSIDERAR ALTERNATIVAS
MAYOR CONTAMINANTES AL AMBIENTE.
ALTERNATIVAS COMO EL RECICLAJE

Atentamente,

Ivan Blanco


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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Dada la cantidad innumerable de
expertos científicos y estudios realizados
se nos ha demostrado lo dañino al
ambiente y la salud que traerá este
proyecto mi familia y yo nos
OPONEMOS Tenazmente
y mas me opongo si es financiado
por nosotros los boricuas

Atentamente,

William Acevedo Labrador
William Acevedo Labrador
Hatillo PR

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Porque este afecta nuestro ambiente,
nuestra salud y merecemos respirar
aire limpio.

Atentamente,

Judith Morales

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

La salud del pueblo va por encima
de cualquier interés económico.

Atentamente,

Angelica Medina
Arecibo, P.R. 00612

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Afecta la salud

Atentamente,

César Luque

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Aguas Buenas, PR 00703

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Atenta contra la salud de todo un pueblo por lo que es un acto ilegal, injusto e inhumano

Atentamente,

Reynold Felipe Zayas
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

~~Esto~~ Esto es de Ignorantes, Jodidos
retardos como una persona pensar que quemando
la basura es la solución?! lo que hay que hacer
es disminuir el consumo del plástico y las
otras cosas de uso descartable perteneciente de
este capitalismo que nos cega. ¿Si el aire que
respiras no es limpio ¿como pretendes vivir?
como un zombi? El dinero que necesitas, lo puedes
buscar en el infierno de ignorantes.

Atentamente,

Leonam Melendez
Otro cualquiera
con conciencia

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

No estoy de acuerdo con el la construcción
del Incinerador planeado a para Asheville
por el daño ambiental, especialmente
partículas cancerosas, que serian expuestas
al aire y el daño a los rios.

Atentamente,

Angel G. Guespo

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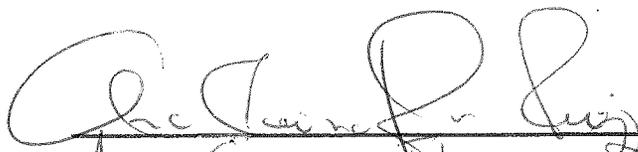
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

- ① LA CONTAMINACION NOS AFECTARIA
 - ② NOS AFECTARIA LA SALUD
 - ③ AFECTARIA LA CAUDADA DE AGUA
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Atentamente,


Ana Clara Flores Ruiz
Arecibo, P.R. 00612

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Ya que la tecnología usada no es
confiable en cuanto a asegurar
la calidad del aire. Además
los desperdicios sólidos deben
ser reciclados - reutilizados y
no quemados.

Atentamente,

Francisco Amador Díaz
(abogado geógrafo)
San Juan

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

- El pueblo puertorriqueño se opone a un proyecto tan nefasto.
- Afectará tierras de valor agrícola
- Afectará cuerpos de agua importantes
- Aumentará la contaminación en un área ya afectada, y por consiguiente, los problemas de salud de la población.
- Tendrá el efecto de retrasar los proyectos de reciclaje
- Tendrá un costo prohibitivo por el manejo de la basura para municipios en déficit.
- Ha sido un proceso abopellado, donde se ha ignorado la opinión de los sectores más cercanos.

Atentamente,

Marilú Rodríguez

Marilú Rodríguez Martí
Torre Magajner, Calle Dr. Giménez
Magajner, Puerto Rico

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

El incinerador que generaría este incinerador sería
sumamente nocivo a la salud de las personas del
pueblo de Asheville.

Atentamente,

Juan M. Smilla Gomez

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Juncos, PR. 00777

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Contaminación. Es una amenaza a toda la Isla de P.R.
Tengan consideración con la gente, principal los niños

Atentamente,

Lic. Miguel Roldán
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Bay. P.R. 00961

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Es un proyecto con consecuencias nefastas para el medioambiente y la población tanto humana como animal, se ha demostrado que la incineración es una técnica antigua y obsoleta ya que los beneficios no son nada comparables con los daños causados. Mejor es invertir en energía renovable o reciclaje antes de dar un paso hacia atrás volviendo al uso de incineraciones

Atentamente,

Gabriel Meléndez
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*es egoista de su parte el querer ahorrarse unos chavos
poniendo en riesgo la naturaleza y nuestra salud.*

Atentamente,

Nazly Zahra

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

My Mi oposición al incinerador es simple:
CONTAMINA NUESTROS RECURSOS NATURALES el Aire,
CAUSA CÁNCER por el particulado al ambiente q-
respiramos, etc etc.

Atentamente,

Lamalit Uiy Plan

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

La imaginación patina
a
Salud

Atentamente,

Lauren McGee Rayburn

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

These incinerators have been
stopped on other parts, such as
Hartford, Ct. Londonderry MA.

If the Americans don't want
them, why should we?

They have health issues to the
population.

Besides, it's not a good investment.

The people will stand against it.

The company will file bankruptcy and your
institution will lose the investment.

Atentamente,

Juan Perez

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San Sebastian, PR 0085

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Todos los efectos realizados hasta ahora por todas
las organizaciones competentes ilustran el carácter dañino
de un incinerador este peligro de tierra

Atentamente,

Olivia Sanchez Ortiz
Cand. Borinquen Times I
San Juan, PR 00928-2123

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

es sumamente dañino para la salud de todas las personas que tienen cercanía a éste. Además afecta nuestras tierras que producen nuestros propios alimentos. Soy madre embarazada y es impresionante que ya mi bebé tenga que verse afectado. Son muchos los daños. Todo lo que pueda hacerse para prohibir cosas como esta, debe ser realizado. Gracias por la atención a este asunto.

Atentamente,



Jessica Curra Bertios

Manati, PR 00674

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*Todo el daño ambiental y de salud que este
causará a la población. Con guerra de
bienes!*

Atentamente,

Christina Lopez Amador

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

La calidad de vida de los pueblos de Arecibo,
Barceloneta, Hatillo, Camuy, Florida, Manatí y otros
cercanos, recibirán los particulados en el aire,
en su respiración.

Porque las escuelas, los niños, y los niños que
son amamantados respiraran aire contaminado.

Porque está comprobado por estudios que a través
del tiempo las madres han tenido niños con deformaciones
al nacer.

Porque los pueblos de Puerto Rico necesitan aire
limpio y conservar sus recursos naturales como
el Caño Tiburones

Atentamente,

Teresa Vélez, MA. ENESP

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*es dañino a la salud y Al Ambiente de los
ciudadanos*

Atentamente,

José Luis Díaz

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

La leche no se puede importar y los contaminantes como furanos, dioxinas, mercurio, plomo, etc... dañan las fincas de Hatillo, Arecibo, Canuny y áreas limítrofes. Además dañan el agua y la tierra. Por favor tomar en cuenta el efecto de "bio concentración" o "bio acumulación" y/o "incertidumbre científica ambiental".

Atentamente,

Agro. Raul Mari Fernández Lic. 4270
Urb. # 1714 Urb. Rio Piedras Heights
SAN JUAN, PR 00926

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

"There going to kill everything"
Amo Arecibo y esto afectara
todo el medio ambiente, nuestros
niños, jóvenes, ansianos.

Queramos Agricultura, Queremos
vida. No quiero morir de cancer,
o que mis hijos/nietos salgan con
malformidades.

Atentamente,

Estefania Pieras Hilera
Estudiante UPR RP

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Que he visto que es nuestra patria y no de
otros ladrones y abusadores de nuestros
propio derecho a valorar nuestra vida
y de perderlo con la sangre de nuestras
vidas. Este proyecto es ilegal y no
puede progresar a como de lugar.

Atentamente,

Edgar Lopez Santoro 787 464-8889
Erqitas Penabazco HC-2 8065
Hernandez P.R. 00660

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*no hace dñer a la salud, al ambiente
al agua y al aire*

Atentamente,

Maria C. W.
Bo M...
Agus Bruno, P. A.

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Porque hace daño a la salud, al
medio ambiente y al planeta y a los
asmaticos, y los que padecen de fatiga y
otras enfermedades de las vias Respiratorias.

Atentamente,

Mirchy Alicia Pérez

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Hatillo PR. 00859

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Afecta nuestro
Ambiente

Atentamente,


Carmen Casanova Albenzo Hat: 1/0
B. Canzalez

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

se está comprobando que esto afectara no tan solo la agricultura del país sino la salud y calidad de vida de la población adyacente.

Atentamente,

Belmar Jimenez Malave
jimenez.belmar@gmail.com

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*Quiero para la salud El medio
yo este Brasil e P.R*

Atentamente,

[Handwritten Signature]

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San Juan, P.R 00909

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Por razones económicas y
ambientales. La salud del pueblo
es primero que todo

Atentamente,

Juan Rafael
SAN SEBASTIAN #307
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*El incinerador es dañino a la salud y
el carbón en nuestra Puerto Rico*

Atentamente,



David Rivera

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Arcebo P.R. 00612

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*(1^o) I oppose incineration because of
contamination of streams + nature.*

Atentamente,

Miguel E. Fiol M.D.
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Edina, MN 55435

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Ya queremos que construyan el incinerador.
No tan solo estaria afectando el medio
ambiente. Tambien estaria aumentando la
precente deuda del gobierno.

Atentamente,

Griselle Rivera Rios
Bo. Guatemala
San Sebastian, PR 00685

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

este proyecto sera' nefasto para Arcebo
ya que solo produce enfermedades, contaminación
y muerte

Atentamente,

Carlos Biniel

787 220 6261

Carolina, P.R.

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

① ES UNA TECNOLOGIA RECHAZADA EN
EUROPA

② CONTAMINARIA Y AFECTARIA LA
SALUD DEL PAIS

③ AFECTARIA A PL ECONOMICAMENTE

Atentamente,

Antonio Zamora

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

me opongo al dato que el
intento realizar al ambiente
y a las personas animales y
agua. Preparar algo que sea
a beneficio de todos.

Prohibido el dato
Usar la capacidad intelectual
para una educación mejor a
todo.

Atentamente,

Yvonne E. Matthejiguro
Yvonne Matthejiguro
Adjuntas YH

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

AFECTARIA LA SALUD DEL PAIS.

LOS ALCALDES SE Oponen A

ESTE MONSTRUO Y NO PAGARAN

Por QUEMAY

Atentamente,

ANGEL A. GONZALEZ

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sjotp@yahoo.com

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Vivo en la región de Arriba y Saltemente
Cencomencia. Nos vamos a afectar mis hijos
y mi comunidad. No quiero un cigarrillo
gigante cerca de mi hogar.

Si piensan en mi pueblo y mi nación
no deben autorizar el financiamiento

Atentamente,

Rafael Capella
Rafael Capella Anguila
P.O. Box 2372
Arriba P.R. 00613

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

este proyecto genera un desastre
para la salud, desperdicia el agua
y desperdicia el valor de los
materiales que se encuentran
en los vertederos.

Atentamente,

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*Es dañino a la salud, el ambiente y la nación
Puerto Riqueña. Es un robo a la nación.*

Atentamente,

Raquel Otero Guevara

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

this project will affect the people
of the island in a **NEGATIVE**
way IF Affects the environment
and the health of the Puerto Rican
people, it also will affect the
rest of the world by releasing
GREENHOUSE GASES and increase
pollution into the air causing in the long run
respiratory afflictions

Atentamente,

DAGMAR E. SALGADO Oquendo
Life guard / Translator

23-Sep-2015

Sr. Secretario de agricultura USA

Me opongo al incinerador de Arecibo, P.R., porque este es sumamente tóxico generando enormes cantidades de escorias y cenizas volantes. Por lo tanto, la incineración de residuos urbanos no puede considerarse como una fuente renovable y limpia de energía. La incineración puede traer problemas pulmonares, contaminantes en el aire como el monóxido de carbono, óxidos de nitrógeno, dióxido de azufre y vapores líquidos.

Es increíble que apoyen la incineradora cuando en los USA existe la EPA, que es la agencia encargada por la salud pública y ambiental. Esto puede traer muchos más problemas, de los que ya existen. Las partículas del aire entran al sistema provocando enfermedades; como asma. Efecto en la calidad en el aire, suelo, agua y comida.

Soy estudiante de 3^{er} año en Ciencias Ambientales y es increíble que la EPA ~~apoye~~ apoye este proyecto, asumo que tienen el conocimiento del daño que esto podría causar. Tengo fe de que tienen el personal con la capacidad de trabajar para el medio ambiente, es por esto que les pido a pensar en la naturaleza y en la salud pública. Piensen en el Medio Ambiente no en la económica. El entorno es el medio Ambiente.

JP

Estudiante de Ciencias Ambientales

Estimada señora McGee:

R U S

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financieramente a un incinerador porque: ① Las emisiones que generarán serán nocivas para las comunidades aledañas, así como para el medio ambiente. ② Permitir que un incinerador entre en operación va contra el bienestar que significaría la reducción de la generación de desperdicios sólidos (lo cual es política pública del gobierno en materia de reciclaje), pues el incinerador requiere de la generación de más y más desperdicios para su funcionamiento; lo cual es contrario al problema que, de modo engañoso, pretende hacer creer que va a resolver. ③ No se promueve, con la instalación de un incinerador, el desarrollo de fuentes de energía limpia, pues no es el incinerador una de ellas.

Atentamente,

Gabriel Muriente Pastrana
Río Piedras

9-23-2015

Sr. Secret. de agricultura.

No estoy de acuerdo con la
Construcción del Incinerador Nefasto
planeado para Arecibo.

Debido a lo negativo que es
para la salud el funcionamiento y
residuos mortales de esa magnitud
Me uno a toda la población
consciente que rechaza dicha
Construcción

Juan Luis Mavero
Monroy Rivera
37 Pentagón
Guaynabo P.R. 00969

23/Apr/2013
Sr. Secretario de Agricultura

A:
Me opongo al incinerador
por es tablas en Puerto Rico
Este es sumamente tóxico. Me le
de paso a Larry Rivers. Este
proyecto es malo por la salud
ambiental y física de nuestro
ciudadanos.

Esto
Julio M. Santiago
10. Box 603
Luzy, Puerto Rico

SR. Secretario de Agricultura U.S.A.

Me opongo al Incinerador en Arecibo (Energy Answer) porque es sumamente tóxico
Contaminaría el ambiente de el Pueblo de Arecibo
y pueblos adyacentes: Hatillo, Camuy, Quebradillas

No le den financiamiento a Energy Answer
ya que este Incinerador es nefasto para la salud
ambiental

Prof. Apolonia ~~INTRA~~ Bz
626 Bo. Santa Ana
Arecibo, P.R. 00612

Lauren Ortega Raybana

Me opongo al incinerador de Queibo porque soy paciente renal contaminada con plomo. El agua de Queibo Urbano está contaminada con plomo. Lecturas 2011 5.5 ; 2012 7.2; 2013 8.8 y 2014 6.0 cuando no debe exceder de 100.5 ppm/litro.

La EPA no hace nada. Ignora el problema del agua contaminada con la que nos bañamos, cocinamos y limpiamos.

Su dinero no debe ser invertido en una tecnología que produce muerte, enfermedad, dolor, daño al planeta y destrucción.

No vamos a permitir su construcción. Moriremos en ese lugar antes que permitir que nuestra juventud no tenga oportunidad alguna de sobrevivir. No inviertan su dinero en eso. Van a perder.

Act

Yvonia Rodríguez Cuevas
Calle B # 46 A
Queibo, P.R. 00612

Al Dr. Secretario de agricultura USA
Me opongo al incinerados de Atracho
porque este es sumamente tóxico, no le den
financiamiento a Energy Answers. Este incinerados
es nefasto para la salud ambiental y de nuestros
ciudadanos.

Bethzali Gonza Mendocato
aireco@live.com

Estimada: Sta. McGee Rayburn

Mediante estas cortas lineas le comunico que estoy en contra de ese proyecto nefasto del Incinerador para el area de Arecibo P.R.

Este traera' muchas enfermedades y contaminacion para Arecibo y el resto de la Isla. Dañara' los campos cultivado y las aguas. Pondra' en peligro la vida maritima y las aves. Dañara' la leche que consumiran nuestros hijos. Contaminara nuestra atmosfera.

No queremos el Incinerador para Arecibo, ni para Puerto Rico. Mi familia tambien se opone y mi comunidad. Si es necesario buscaremos otra alternativa para la basura.

Ate:
Eileen Colon Rodriguez
Ca. 11 #E-7 Los Llanos
Bo. Santona
Arecibo P.R.

00612

23 Sept. 2015

Ms Lauren M. Rayburn

RUS/RD

USDA Regional Office

Asheville, NC 00 28801

The Federal government must not abet the dangerous practice of burning waste. This has been proven, despite claims to the contrary, to release very dangerous toxins to the environment.

I have been informed that there are plans to subsidize a waste-to-energy plant in Asheville (PK). This is a dangerous precedent and the life and health of many North Carolinians will be severely endangered.

I manifest my opposition to any subsidies, grants or reduced-interest loans to this project known as "Energy Answers". It is not an answer, rather it will set off many questions when the health of people of the north coast of North Carolina begins to suffer massively.

Sincerely,

Joseph Curtis Cotton

PO BOX 101

Town Hall PK 00954

Sr. Secretario de Agricultura U.S.A.

Le Me Ofango, el in Afirmador
Le Arecibo, por que esto es
Malamate toxico, no le dan
financiamiento, a Energy Arguers
el incinerador es peligroso para la
Salud Ambiental y de Nuestros
Cuidadanos ...

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Noel J. Acevedo

P.O. Box 1594

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Sr. Secretario de Agricultura:

El proyecto del incinerador es
uno muy dañino para nuestra salud.

Energy Answer está pidiendo ayuda eco-
nómica para establecerse. Me opongo
a esto, ya que afectará la salud de
todo un pueblo.

¡¡Abajo el Incinerador!!

Juanita Martínez Rojas
Urb. San Felipe
C-4 Calle 5
Arecibo, P.R.

23 de sept. de 2015

Al secretario de agricultura
de los E. U. NO quiero que
les presten el dinero para
construir la planta de ya que
va a crear daño al ambiente
de nuestra Isla.

Felix Bueo
Patillas P. R. 00714.

El Sr. Secretario de Agricultura USA

No quiero el encierro
porque afecta el ambiente
y la salud del pueblo
No presten ese dinero.

Domingo Frances Román

Rec. de/cia/ B.F.G.

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Estimada señora McGee

Me opongo a que mi agencia le autorice financiamiento a un minero porque estamos dando un paso hacia otro en nuestro desarrollo ya que es un paso de desarrollar un sistema de reciclaje vamos a fomentar la producción de bienes la cual al ser incrementada será traídas beneficios de centros al aire la cual no tan solo contendrá nuestro aire si no que contendrá nuestros embalses de agua y canales. Vamos hacia otros el desarrollar una planta minero la cual contribuirá a mejorar las condiciones respiratorias de nuestra comunidad la ruego de tener esta refuta acción.

Atentamente

Marcos J. Marvier
787 597 9097

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A quien pueda interesar
Me opongo al incinerador porque
soy amárico a ese proyecto, pondra
sucio nuestro aire, contaminara el
granado y las tierras. Ensuiciara nuestros
Rios: Enfermariá nuestro granado.

No al incinerada. No prestin su
dinero. No opondemos a ese proyecto.

Pedro Mont Colon
Calle 11 # E-7 Los Planos
Po. Santana
Arecibo P.R. 00612

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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Se debe a oponer, Los ciudadanos
temeremos pagando el incinerador.
No le otorgue financiamiento!
¡Ayuda salud ambiente
y economía de P.R.!

Gracias

Atentamente,

Omaya Rayburn
omyr1@hotmail.com

Sp. Secretario

Nosotros el pueblo de P.R. nos apoyamos
tenazmente a la construcción de este incinerador, ya como
químico sé que estas emisiones muchas veces son
efectivas pero muchas veces fallan y cuando fallan
es que se contaminan el agua agrícola y de
bebe. Agradezco su comprensión.

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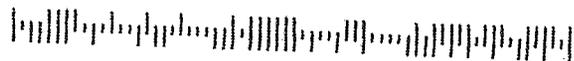
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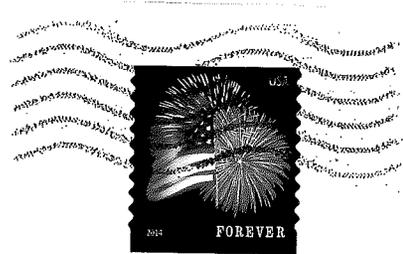


Estimada Sta. Mcgeer

Yo Johans Rivera me opongo al financiamiento del incinerador
en Puerto Rico hagalo en el patio de su casa por favor
Gracias.

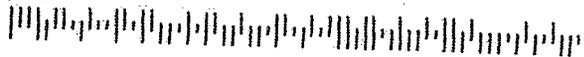
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Para: Lauren Mcgee Rayburn
RUS

Estimada Sra. Mcgee

Me opongo a que su agencia!

financie la incubora

En San Juan P.R. el 23 de sept de
2015

Hiram Lozada
tel 927 640 #67

Hiram Lozada
Piedras, Puerto Rico

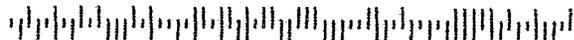
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Sr Secretario de Agricultura

Me opongo al itinerario de Arecibo porque este es tóxico con velocidad.

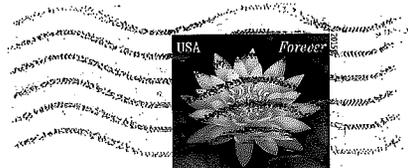
No le den financiamiento a Energy Answers. Es un fasto para la Salud Ambiental.

Att
Wilma Castro

Wilma Castro
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Sr. Secretario de Agricultura USA:

Me opongo firmemente al establecimiento del incinerador de Arecibo por razones de ser un atentado a la salud, al agua del Caño Tiburones y al ambiente en general,

Es por todo eso, que le digo
NO al incinerador de Arecibo

Sinceramente,

Ricardo Pared Velez
(Ciudadano Nacional Puertorriqueo)

do Pared Velez
ijagüez P.R.

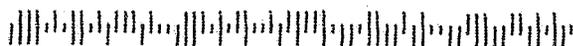
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Departamento de Agricultura U.S.A.

Me opongo al incinerador de
Crecibo porque ese es un
proyecto nefasto para la salud
de nosotros (los puertorriqueños).
No le den sus recursos
al Energy Answers. Porque terminará
con todos nosotros.

Mercedes López Rivera
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CrisA-fors

Mercedes López Rivera
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Estimada Sra. Mc Gee

No necesitamos un incinerador en
nuestro Arie limpio. Tiene que
ver otra manera de pagar impuestos

Muchas gracias

Armen L. Hernandez
memabea160@hotmail.com

Armen L. Hernandez
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos

Señor Secretario me dirijo a usted por medio
 de este correo electrónico que NO de favor
 para que se lleve a cabo el proyecto del incinerador
 en Lajas. Hay muchas alternativas, tenidas en
 cuenta. NO es justo que nuestro pueblo
sga siendo parte de un experimento. ¡Basta
 ya! Piensen en Muro Pueblo, en los pubricanes
 que le traen a nuestras futuras generaciones.
 ¡No a el incinerador! ¡Basta ya del
 abuso!

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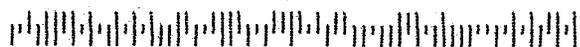
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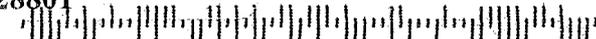
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

We got our share (with the
bombs at Creas) to have
substances, to cause cancer &
other maladies, and now
our people in Creas with
this project are at high risk
of some illnesses. Please
STOP!! Let's
love to our future children!!

Atentamente,

Donna Cannon & Family
Yolanda Moran

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*Este es un proyecto que afecta
la salud del pueblo y a nuestro
ambiente*

Atentamente,

Rafael Gonzalez Claudio

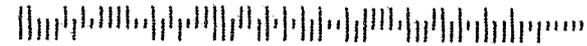
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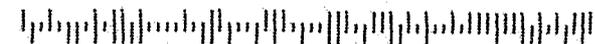
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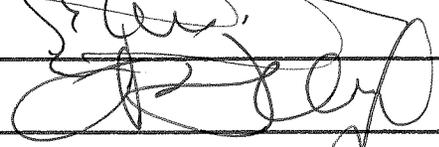
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Alejandro Torres Rivera 

Nelly Díaz Adorno 

La Salud es primero que la economía - Juan José Chávez

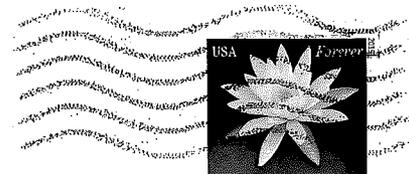
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Rosa A. Villalonga
San Juan, P.R.

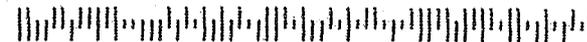
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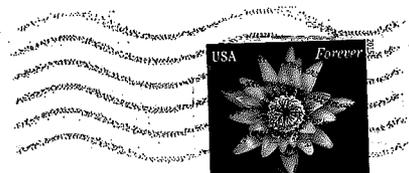
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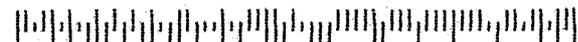
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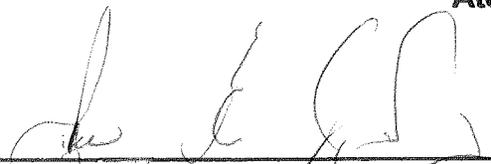
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

① EL DAÑO QUE VA A OCASIONAL AL
AMBIENTE Y A LA SALUD DE
LAS PERSONAS DE NUESTRO PAIS.

Atentamente,



Para F. Rivera Sotomayor

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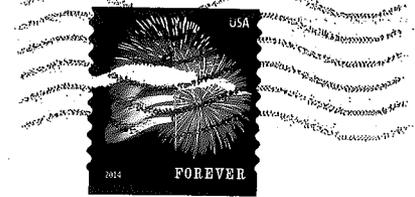
*Este proyecto causa enfermedades
al pueblo, a nuestra gente, y
afecta el ambiente.*

Atentamente,

Rosa A. Villalonga

Judy Ortiz
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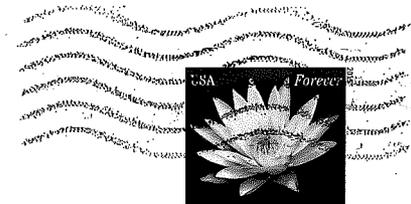
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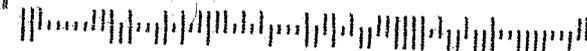
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

No financiamiento porque no puedo pagar por envenenarme.

Atentamente,

Ruby Ortiz

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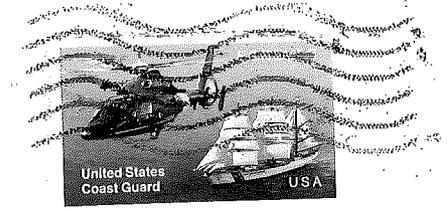
es dañino a la salud y al ambiente de los ciudadanos

Atentamente,

Iris N. Aponte Rivera

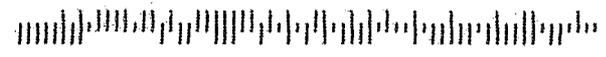
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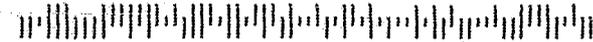
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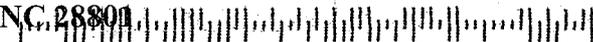
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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Porque naci y me cricen en Ailecibo y mi jente
estaba saludable antes de LAS FACTORIAS
y ahora quieren castigar a mi jente
con MAS AIR POLUTANTS. NO ES JUSTO.

Atentamente,

Baracotey Ruiz
347.281.2837

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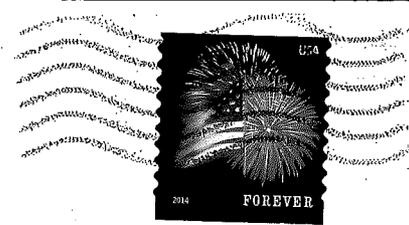
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y para el ambiente. Causa daño a la salud
de los pulmones.*

Atentamente,

Lauren McGee

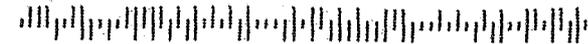
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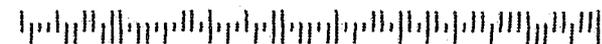
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*contaminara el ambiente y no
quiero eso para mi pais.*

Atentamente,

Hector L. Perez Bevedo

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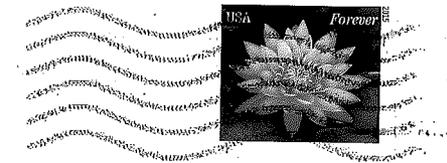
PK no lo necesita y su construcción genera consecuencias adversas a la salud, a la economía (incluyendo impidiendo beneficios de reciclaje). El voraz apetito por el lucro de las corporaciones no puede primar por encima de el bien común.

Atentamente,

Carmen Albizu Garcia MD
Carmen Jellez Garcia

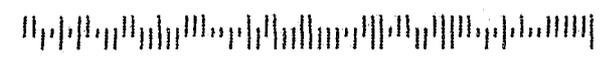
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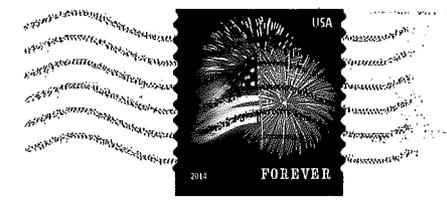
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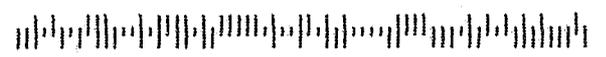
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Me opongo al incinerador ya
que es dañino para el pueblo de
P.R.

Fuck you!

Atentamente,

Hector Natal

Dr. Ramón Capella
Caguas, P.R.

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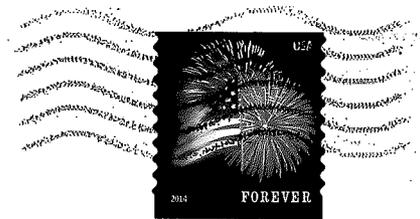
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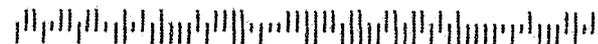
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el costo en salud y contaminación y mantener
del pueblo arecibeno no tiene precio. Como
médico me opongo por que la salud de la
gente es primero. NO puedo apoyar un
proyecto corrupto, que se ha llevado a cabo
a puerta cerrada y no en vistas públicas
con el consentimiento de la gente. Además
que el impacto para el medio ambiente son
serenos e incluyen más inundaciones para el
pueblo de Arecibo, aumento en niveles de metales pesados
y riesgos en la salud como lo son el cáncer.

Atentamente,

Sra. Manuel Capella
[Signature]

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Creo que hay otras formas mejores
para desechos del acumulo de basura
que no haria daño al medio ambiente y
que no afectara a largo plazo al bolsillo
del pueblo.

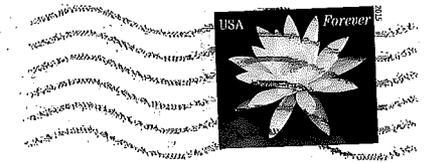
Atentamente,

Isolina Rosario Planamente
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*es muy dañino para la salud
de nuestra gente y sobre todo a los
niños. Es muy perjudicial*

Atentamente,

Marion F. Jett

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El método de incinerar acelera el proceso de calentamiento global, el mismo que nos conviene retrasar. Deberíamos fomentar diferentes alternativas para evitar la práctica de incinerar, por ejemplo, utilizar la composta proveniente de desechos orgánicos como fertilizante natural.

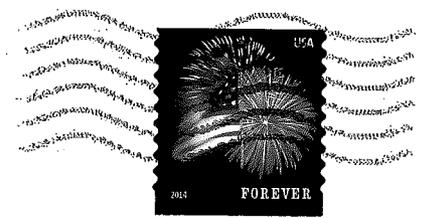
Atentamente,

Alatasha Negron Lopez

Véctor Luis Rosquera
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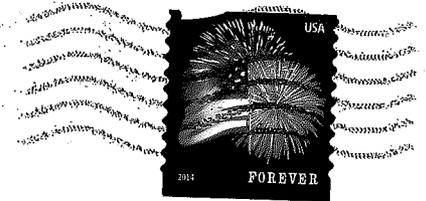
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

la calidad del aire que respiramos se va a ver afectada
negativamente. En pleno siglo XXI y conociendo los efectos
devastadores que como sociedad hemos tenido sobre
el medio ambiente, tenemos que financiar proyectos
que representen ~~un~~ un cambio radical en
nuestro "modus operandi" y no continuar con
las actividades que nos han traído hasta donde
nos encontramos hoy día.

Atentamente,

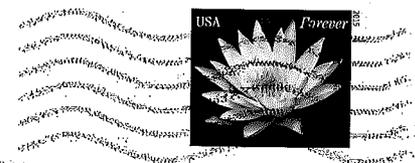
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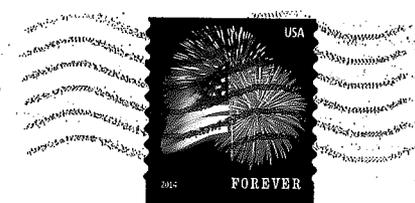


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23 de Septiembre 2015

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Estimada Sra. McGee:

Por este medio deseo expresarle mi total rechazo a la instalación de una Planta de Incineración en el pueblo de Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico no necesita una planta de incineración, que contamine nuestros aire y suelo, además el uso de agua excesiva en este proceso desmerece la calidad de vida para los puertorriqueños. Necesitamos agua para la agricultura y consumo humano. Plantas de Reciclaje de composta, vidrio, y aluminio beneficiaría a nuestra economía y a la protección del medio ambiente y las comunidades costeras de la zona norte. NO Al Incinerador, NO a los 800 millones para contaminar

NO; basta el abuso a las comunidades.

Elisa Sánchez Toro
A.M.A.R.

Señor Mc Bee
RUS

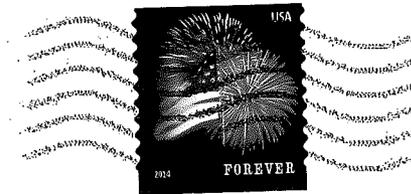
La presente es para informarte ~~nuestro~~ total y absoluto rechazo a la construcción del incinerador de Arecibo. El mismo no solo representa una amenaza para la salud de los residentes aledaños al incinerador, sino también al impacto ecológico y ambiental que el mismo supone tanto para la flora como para la fauna de la zona noroeste del Puerto Rico. Este impacto no ~~es~~ es comparable en términos de beneficios que podrían sucederse como resultado de la construcción del Incinerador. Es muchísimo más alto el impacto negativo que el positivo para la vida humana y ambiental.

Ateyuntamente
Martín Cobian

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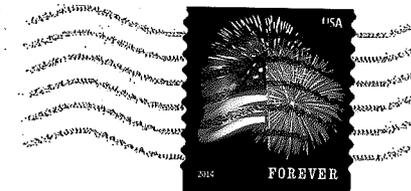
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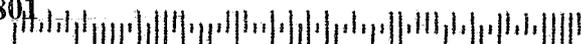
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a Puerto Rico,
nuestra gente necesita
tener salud y que vivamos en
condiciones dignas,
los que quieren hacer el
asesinar y destruir nuestros
recursos y la salud
del pueblo puertorriqueño

Atto
Aracelis Ruiz Arce
San Juan Puerto Rico

Para: Secretario de agricultura

firma:

 (Zulma De Jesús)

Me opongo al incendio porque
afecta al ambiente y la salud.

Arecibo, P.R.
20 agosto de 2015

R. U. S.
Dept Agriculture

Senores : L

Estoy opuesta a que Rus le conceda un préstamo a Energy Answers para construir Incineradores en Arecibo, P.R.

El daño a causar nos no lo pague ningún dinero. Uds serán los culpables de nuestras miserables vidas.

El daño que causará a nuestra población no puede compensarse con ningún dinero.

Queremos VIDA y Salud. Si Uds aprueban el préstamo le están dando dinero para el Veneno que inyectarán en nuestros cuerpos

No aprueben el préstamo! Demos Vida

Contribuyan para Salud y alimentos que es lo que necesitamos

Cordialmente,
Olga Iris Cuy Rojas
HC-101- Box 1146
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Oct. 26/2015

Me spungo al mi necesidad personal
es una sin implementada para la destacación
de nuestra gente y nuestro feminismo nacional.

Remeneses

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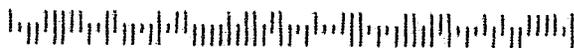
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Arecibo, P.R.
27 Oct. de 2015

Srs.

Estoy o puesto a la Incineradora de Energy Answers en Arecibo, P.R. por las siguientes razones:

- ① La Salud se afectará
 - ② P.R. es una ciudad pobre, con un índice de mortalidad por cánceres de diferentes clases
 - ③ Muchos niños y adultos padecen de asma
- Estas enfermedades se agravarán por la contaminación de la incineración

Uds. van a ser culpables al igual que la Energy Answers, y serán responsables directos de nuestras enfermedades, si aprueban e prestamos para la construcción de esta Máquina de la Muerte.

En Alemania Hitler, Uds. RUS apoyaron algo similar

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