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Dear Mr. Wicker,

I am writing in reference to the Western Wake Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility. The final EIS is incomplete, inaccurate, and very misleading. For example:

Executive Summary: Lines 389 - 394

"Individual homeowners proximate to the proposed project WRF site and the alternative action WRF sites, as well as landowners immediately surrounding the proposed Project WRF sites and the alternative action WRF sites, were interviewed by consultants for the USACE. During these visits, the proposed Project, the alternatives, and how the landowners could learn more about the proposed Project were discussed. A short description of the project, website addresses, and contacts at the USACE and at the Partners were provided."

The Executive Summary leaves out the fact that this communication to New Hill residents occurred during December 2006, 18 months after Site 14 was condemned. Why was there an 18 month wait to begin talking to New Hill residents?

Why is there no mention in the Executive Summary of all the incomplete and inadequate plans the WWP originally offered for communication with the New Hill community? For example:

- According to the WWP web site, a minimum of two public meetings were to be held. Only one was held, and it did not meet the 30 day notification.
- The plan stated the information vehicles most likely to be utilized included:
 - Utility bills, bill inserts, and newsletters
 - Cary TV 11
 - Paycheck stuffers
 - Employee newsletters
 - Employee staff meetings

Perhaps we need to send a memo to Cary reminding them that New Hill residents do not receive utility bills from Cary, nor do we receive newsletters from Cary. We do not receive Cary TV 11, nor do we work for the Town of Cary, so employee newsletters and staff meetings do not apply.

Cary's method of communication was DOA, and designed to keep New Hill residents uninformed of the plan to stuff a sewage plant in the middle of their community.

- Cary's communication plan stated an open house was scheduled for January 2005. The open house did not occur until a New Hill resident accidentally discovered the plan to place the sewage plant in New Hill. Only then did Cary hastily arrange a meeting for June 14. Not only did this meeting take place after the site was chosen, it also took place after the bond referendum was passed by the WWP towns.

The Executive Summary, as currently written leads the reader to believe there has been adequate communication during the 4.5 years New Hill residents have been involved, when this is not true.

Until the Executive Summary is correctly written to provide an accurate picture of all the communication problems, the Final EIS should be rejected, and the site selection process begun again.

Only this time, the residents of New Hill should be treated as equals when it comes to making decisions on where to locate the sewage plant.

Sincerely,

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