

Subject: Western Wake Partners EIS

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Dear Mr. Wicker,

I am writing in reference to the Western Wake Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Section 5 of the final EIS, Cumulative and Other Impacts, is misleading and contains data that is questionable.

Example 1: Paragraph 5.2.8 states in part that odor impacts are similar for all project alternatives.

While I agree that the sewage plant on each of the 4 sites will produce odors, I can't agree that odor impacts are similar for all project alternatives. Do you not know that Site 14 is adjacent to a densely populated minority community and two churches, and the New Hill historic district, while the other sites are not adjacent to densely populated areas or churches or the historic district? So, how it be stated that odor impacts are similar for all project alternatives?

Example 2: Paragraph 5.2.10.2 and 5.2.10.5 claims the Project Partners will implement best design, operations practices and equipment to reduce the generation of nuisance odors and noises at the WRF and their migration off-site.

It is good to know the Partners will attempt to control odor, however, Cary's track record of managing odors at its North Cary and South Cary sewage plants is horrible. Even Cary's previous mayor was quoted as saying they had been working on the odor control at the North Cary facility for years.

With Cary's dismal track record of odor control at their North and South Cary sewage plants; noise control at their South Cary sewage plant; and the number of sewage spills in Cary, I have no confidence that Cary is capable of effectively operating a sewage plant, much less being able to control odors and noise.

What is the plan if Cary's odor and noise control measures fail? To whom will New Hill residents complain? Will Cary be able to implement corrective actions without receiving approval from the 4 town councils (which may involve passing bond referendums; holding public hearings; or raising taxes; all of which will take years.)

My impression is that the entire FEIS shows a tremendous lack of common sense.

Sincerely,
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