

**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.

Reference: App\_a12d\_commentResponses.pdf

Response II.18 where the following is written: There was controversy around potential impacts to the historic district and environmental justice issues for WRF Site 14 during the SEPA process, but there is also an unknown level of controversy that may occur regarding the other sites.

There are two points I would like to make about this statement:

**#1:** Did the individuals from PEQ (who supposedly visited the residents surrounding the 4 sites) discover anything that would lead them to believe the WWP would meet controversy over the alternative sites? I assume not, otherwise it would be mentioned.

Perhaps I need to point out again that the residents of New Hill have just asked that the sewage plant be moved 1 mile away from the center of our community; and away from our densely populated minority community; our churches; our cemeteries; and our historic district. And again I remind you that the sewage plant would still be in our community, it would just have less impact on one of the alternate sites.

**#2:** One method to judge the amount of controversy is to include the residents of the targeted area in the discussions up front, before towns like Cary and Apex use their uncontrolled power of eminent domain in order to force their utilities on poor, minority neighborhoods.

It is examples like these that lead the residents of New Hill to have no faith in the WWP site selection process or the USACE in their review of the information to be used in the Final EIS.

Sincerely,

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