

**Subject:** Progress Energy and New Hill

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Dear Wake County Commissioners:

I would like to begin by thanking you for the efforts you have expended on behalf of the residents of New Hill with regard to the Western Wake Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility. We are appreciative of the resolution that you sent to the town of Cary requesting a 30 day delay on their vote to begin condemnation of private land for the facility. I'm sure you are aware that Cary disregarded your request as well as ours and the town council has voted to condemn the land and move forward with their plans to place this sewage plant in the center of New Hill.

I am writing today to request that you use your influence to encourage Progress Energy to sell or donate land to the Western Wake Partners (WWP) for the waste water treatment facility. You may recall that the engineers who conducted the site selection study indicated that several sites on Progress Energy property were most suitable for placement of the facility, but the WWP has refused to even approach Progress Energy. We believe that if Progress Energy were to come forward, the WWP would be forced (by public pressure) to consider those sites.

Years ago, Progress Energy condemned the land for the Shearon Harris nuclear plant and took that land from private citizens in New Hill. They condemned approximately 14,000 more acres than they needed, and now they have plans to develop that land. Progress Energy should not be allowed to profit at the expense of the citizens whose land was taken from them. It is time for Progress Energy to pay their debt to the citizens of New Hill. The waste water treatment facility will require less than 200 acres of land—likely less, since no buffering would be required if it were placed on the Progress Energy site.

Progress Energy may need the cooperation of the Wake County Commissioners to proceed with their development plans. Please encourage them to come forward and initiate talks with the Western Wake Partners. The goodwill generated by such an act would have significant impact on their reputation. Progress Energy states that they want to be good corporate neighbors, and this is an excellent opportunity for them to demonstrate that desire.

The citizens of New Hill have been more than reasonable in our response to the placement of this waste water treatment facility. We have not said "Not in my backyard!" Instead, we have suggested the logical alternative—one that the engineers already suggested—put this facility on land that has already been condemned for public use and that will not

require any citizens to lose their homes or compromise their quality of life.

We appreciate anything that the Wake County Commissioners can do on our behalf.

Sincerely,

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New Hill Community Association

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