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Dear Mr. Wicker,

I am writing in reference to the Western Wake Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility. Because the Final EIS does not present all the facts about Site 14, it is inaccurate and misleading, therefore inadequate. For example:

Executive Summary: Lines 278 - 279 - 401

"Food & Fiber Production - There is active agriculture that would be lost on WRF Site 30; there is no active agriculture on any of the other WRF sites."

**Section 2 - Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives:
Lines 757 - 758**

Food and Fiber Production - There is active agriculture that would be lost on Project Alternate C (WRF Site 30); there is no active agriculture on any of the other sites.

There was active agriculture production on Site 14 prior to it being condemned by the WWP. Leaving this out of the Executive Summary is a blatant attempt to deceive the reader into mistakenly believing Site 14 is the better site.

Section 5 - Cumulative and Other Impacts: Table 5-10 Summary of Permanent Impacts to Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance for Proposed Project and Project Alternatives.

The table shows the prime farmland that will be lost by each site:

*Site 14: 47.5 acres
Site 19: 35.5 acres
Site 21/23: 28.2 acres
Site 30: 40.5 Acres*

Site 14 will cause a loss of 47.5 acres. Site 21/23 only loses 28.2 acres of prime farmland.

The inaccuracies of the Final EIS along with the fact Site 14 will cause a loss of 47.5 acres of prime farmland are excellent reasons to reject Site 14 from consideration.

Please consider alternative sites as New Hill is a splendid community with rural agrarian characteristics. To build and operate a waste treatment facility would destroy those aspects unnecessarily.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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