

Subject: Final EIS comments related to Cary's plan to flush their sewage into New Hill, which has shallow drinking water wells

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Dear Mr. Wicker,

Regarding the Final EIS, I would like to make some brief comments of concern.

http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/WETLANDS/Projects/WW-WTP/FEIS/Exec_Summary/Exec_Summary.pdf

When the high-pressure pipes fail, which inevitably they will, at least if there were a pumping station on Progress Energy land, where no one is living, it would cause much less damage to the living standards of families and churches in New Hill.

I have heard no mention of how peoples' drinking water will be provided when pipes fail and their wells are contaminated. There should be some plan for mitigation in this case, since the damage in such an area, with very poor drainage, which cannot even sustain "normal" septic systems, would be permanent.

Since Cary is pumping the sewage 17 miles already, it doesn't seem that 2 more miles down the road to a deserted area on Progress Energy land would make much difference to them. It would be much safer in terms of public health, for the residents of New Hill, and those who attend the local churches, those whose children play on playgrounds beside those churches, and visit the cemeteries, if the sewage plant were located in a deserted area, rather than in the midst of a neighborhood. New Hill is a designated historic site, both local and state, and Cary is promoting conserving Green Level and Carpenter areas as historic sites, so it doesn't seem logical that they would deliberately destroy the one in New Hill.

New Hill residents will be denied access to the sewage system, and will not be provided city water for many years to come, so there will be no respite for them when the sewage system fails, which all of Cary's plants have done repeatedly, causing creek contamination, ponds to close, and fish-kills in the Neuse River.

Please consider these points when you make your final decision.

And if you'd like to read stories from local people about New Hill, please contact Paul Barth, President of the New Hill Community Association, for a copy of "Oral Histories of New Hill," interviews of many elderly residents of the area, with pictures and maps.

Thank you very much,

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