

Religious Leaders Speak Out

Twelve ministers, priests, a nun, and the leader of a Jewish synagogue in the Lewiston Porter area have written to Governor Paterson and DEC Commissioner Pete Graannis, calling for no new permits for toxic landfills. They specifically ask them to instruct the DEC not to grant another permit for expansion to Chemical Waste Management.

The religious leaders acted shortly after the Lewiston Porter School Board passed a resolution opposing CWM expansion by a 6-1 vote.

In their letter to the Governor and Commissioner, the religious leaders stated, "If Waste Management, the parent company of CWM, truly wishes to be a good neighbor to us as they claim, we wish them to drop attempts to gain a permit to bring more and more toxics here."

They also stated, "Because we care about preserving god's creation and because we wish to be advocates for the health and safety of the people who live here, we urge you to instruct the Department of Environmental Conservation not to permit any more permits for toxic landfills in this area. They are not needed; they are counter-productive; they are wrong."