

The Department of Environmental Conservation has approved the request by Chemical Waste Management to allow changes to its present landfill, increasing its capacity. This is not the request for a permit for an additional, large landfill. This is the matter of increasing the capacity, but not the size, of the present landfill. A cap of reduced size would allow perhaps 3% more capacity for toxic wastes. The DEC has put up a webpage listing all the comments submitted at the hearing and by writing, along with their answers. Members of the Niagara Group of the Sierra Club and others had testified against allowing the change to go forward, insisting that a hearing for a new permit should be required.

To read the comments and the responses by the DEC, go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/49051.html>, then click on the right side on "Responses."