

My name is Randy Barnes. Today's hearing is not just about a permit that will be issued by the PA DEP. The tire to energy plant that burns 33 million tires a year will never be built in Crawford County. The principles of the company found that out in 2007 and the public learned that on August 31, 2008 in an article published in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. The President of Liberty Tire Jeffery Kendall, when asked about where Vic Gatto said the tires would come from he stated "It would be like saying they're going to get them from the moon." Liberty Tire collects 1/3 of the waste tires per year in the USA. That fact bears repeating Liberty Tire controls 1/3 of the waste tire market. After saying in Jan. 2008 that ERE had a letter of agreement from Waste Management no tire supplier has been offered. That's because there is not one and will never be one that supplies 33 million tires to Crawford County.

Let's look briefly at the 7 year history of this failed business plan. Planning took place from 2004 until the public announcement in March of 2007. In April 2007 I called my state Senator Jane Earll and her response was she was not too concerned because the principles had met with her and they did not have a supplier of scrap tires. A couple of the reasons the site in Erie was chosen was the access to the grid and railroad. Two years later in 2009 ERE announced that they had to leave Erie due to not having access to the rail. Before spending hundreds of thousands of dollars would you not have checked that out? Over 100 businesses representing thousands of employees signed on to oppose the creation of the worlds largest tire incinerator in Erie. Thousands of signatures were gathered from individuals that opposed the project. Erie City Council passed a resolution opposing as did several neighboring boroughs, and townships.

The lack of protection of the public in this permit is horrendous. There is technology that exists to measure the emissions that the DEP has chosen not to require. This sends a message that Crawford County is open for business as long as you are a Title V major source of hazardous air pollution and you are looking for a new location. Several other emissions that can be monitored with continuous emissions monitoring equipment are not being required in this permit. No less than a dozen emissions should be monitored 24/7 but just 7 are going to be. EPA tested and verified real-time dioxin monitors 6 years ago and they ought to be used to get a real picture of the emissions without grossly underestimating them. Since they're burning tires, they should also have a limit on and PAHs.

The application is full of suppositions. No where in the US are 100% tires being incinerated in a CFB on a 24/7 basis. Tires are one of the dirtiest most harmful things to burn. Yes they are burning tires. At 1600 degrees there can only be one thing taking place that is burning. It's just a guess what is going to be released 24/7 and during start-ups.

The sign at the county line might as well say Welcome Polluters!! If you can't find a home anywhere in the US we want you here. Look at the accomplishments of Caletta Renewable Energy. That didn't take long. Up until 6 weeks ago there were several projects planned and advertised on the Caletta website. Including the Erie site. Today none are mentioned on the site. Caletta has never built a commercial power plant. Never have and I speculate never will.

Last year as in 2007 everything from the developer was hurry up were going to break ground any day now. When this part of the permit phase was ready to commence on the Erie site ERE pulled the plug. That gave them an opportunity to get some more investors for the Crawford County site. Just the announcement of this hearing was a reason to try and get another investor to throw his money away. Now that we are in the last minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr there are no dates being given for ground breaking ceremony. No tire supplier, no reason to break ground or spend the money to acquire the land. If you are one of those who have planned to work constructing the plant or working full time once built it would be easier to become a commercial airplane pilot. At least those jobs exist.

This process has been a terrible waste of manpower. Yours, mine and the taxpayer funded DEP. The DEP knows more about waste tire collection and disposal than anyone in this room. They've known that a tire supplier doesn't exist but yet are willing participants for a fee. Yes the DEP collects a fee from the applicant who wants to pollute our air. We are born with the right to clean air and clean water. We cannot sit idly by and have those rights taken away. Nobody has the right to deprive you of clean air and water.

Nothing said tonight is going to change the fact the DEP is ready to permit what ever emissions this company said will come out. They are just guessing at those emissions. The DEP has worked on this project off and on for over 5 years. Their job is to regulate the pollution. They know exactly how much pollution is good for your environment. Just like they know exactly what causes cancer, illness and disease. Those are your tax dollars at work.