

Comments for PA DEP Hearing on Tire Incinerator (CRE Tire Derived Fuel Power Station) on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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As the Crawford Area Residents for the Environment engages with the community, we have a chance to hear and read comments from many people who are gravely concerned about this proposed incinerator. Tonight I'd like to share with you some of the comments area residents have written to us:

Gretchen W

Our community deserves better than this... please consider the well-being of our residents, including children, and our environment. Crawford County's most appealing attraction to tourists is our beautiful natural environment, please don't change that by building a toxic tire incinerator here.

A local resident (Name not displayed)

I am concerned about the environmental and human impact this plant will have on our area. As I resourced these plants in other areas, I have discovered that most are experiencing problems with air pollution. We have endangered species in our area and this plant will harm their existences, along with the existence of human beings. We must not sacrifice our existence for a tires to energy plant, when there are much better ways to accomplish this without affecting peoples health.

RICHARD R

I was a staunch supporter until I had to research the topic and NOW I am absolutely opposed to the building of this plant anywhere and ending the use of TDF as a fuel altogether.

James T

Environmental protection is a regional issue, as well as local, state and federal. Think into the future and envision the western Pennsylvania we might have --- with all our wonderful resources -- then compare that image to the filthy tire-burning operation proposed. Go rent the movie, "Breakfast of Champions," and you should be persuaded to block this plant.

Tom W Coordinator of the Northwestern PA Eagle Conservation Association

We have to protect the water supply of the area as well as the air---Goddard State Park/Lake Wilhelm is important for recreation of people and for wildlife habitat. Where the plant is proposed is in the heart of the major bald eagle nesting area in the State of Pennsylvania -they like people need clean water and air to flourish.

A Meadville Student (Name not displayed)

I have been a Meadville resident for over three years. I study environmental science, and have learned that the negative environmental and health impacts of the proposed tire incinerator would far outweigh its benefits.

Thomas F

A tire incinerator similar to the one planned for Erie, PA substantially risks serious health hazards as already indicated by the Erie County Health Department, the American Lung Association, and the Erie County Medical Society.

A Crawford County Business Owner (Name not displayed)

I am sorry not to display my name but I have a commercial business in Crawford County and cant risk offending any of my existing clients, not because i dont want people to know we should stop this personally. I dont think the DEP has the teeth to take on a plant like this--look at Erie Coke in Erie PA!!! They have been spewing toxins for years and the DEP have levied fines and threatened them but never shut them down -its criminal. How can we trust them to regulate a new facility when we have an existing plant that they know has been in the wrong for years and they cant do anything about it!???

Douglas E

The only true benefit from this project is that it will put money in the pockets of the owners and bad air for us to breath and very possibly contamination of our well water that we and our animals depend on to live. If it was found unacceptable in one area not far from here why would it be acceptable for us? I and my wife are against this plant. I'm retired from a Power Co. after 36 years of climbing poles and towers, and am familiar with it's workings.

DAVID P

We cannot let this happen. If Erie does not want it, why would we!

Wren D

I fought for it not to happen in Erie and I will fight for it to not happen in my home town! I am currently serving as a volunteer on the otherside of the state for the year, but I will do ANYTHING I can from a distance to keep this plant from happening! This "plan" is an absolute joke -- the water of NWPA is some of the cleanest in the nation after many years of cleanups and now they want it destroyed. NWPA HAS HAD ENOUGH! STOP THE INCINERATOR!

Casey B

There is already enough pollution in the world. Why would we build a tire burning plant that will surely hurt people and the surrounding environment, when instead we could recycle the tires? It doesn't make sense. Please don't hurt Crawford County and dispose of its natural beauty!

Hillary B

I worked to not have this plant placed in Erie and will not stand for it to be placed anywhere! I became outraged to learn Crawford is next to face this monster. In no way is this plant a good idea and I pray those involved will see the mistakes this will cause for the future. Keep strong PA and all of the US to not allow such a horrible plant ruin mother nature!

Heather K

I am against this environmental hazard in our community. I've read through the scientific studies and materials gathered about this when they were looking to establish it in Erie. They had good cause to fight it and so do we!

Lee Ann R

Create more jobs? Let's see: hospital positions to care for the asthmatics and others made sick from this plant; funeral directors; a heavier burden on volunteer wildlife rehabilitators; future generations' cleanup personnel.... Why not recycle instead of waste and pollute?

Eugene M

Fallout from this plant will stop my efforts to garden organically....

John L

The plant proposed will create very few jobs, a huge amount of airborne pollution, and a tremendous influx of tires from all across the country. The corporation claims that there is no product from this plant, but clearly energy for salable power and pollution will be the products.

Robert C

the plant will threaten pennsylvania's largest wetland and the home to nest bald eagles

Dianne E

Crawford Co. does not need the pollution nor the water reduction of the Geneva swamp from this tires to energy plant. When it runs out of tires, what will the plant burn next? All of this for 60 jobs??????

Norma K

The potential effects for human health and the environment are too dangerous to allow this plant to be built in a county where recreation is one of the largest industries; and its environmental quality is a treasure for residents and tourists. In addition, the site of the plant appears to have been moved to Crawford County because of the large scale community & local government opposition in Erie County due to associated health issues. Well, Crawford County residents care about their well being too. Current Commonwealth air quality standards are not up-to-date to address the low level highly toxic pollutants associated with this plant, even if it made sense to build it.

Shawn W

Greg Rubino and Vic Gatto have no experience with projects of this nature. Why, if this incinerator was deemed too toxic for Erie, would our local Amish population want it in the middle of their home. I was born here, and i've grown up here. We do NOT want this incinerator here. [www.stopburningtires.com](http://www.stopburningtires.com)

ROBERT L

IN ADDITION TO HEALTH HAZARDS, CRAWFORD CO. DEPENDS ON TOURISM AS IMPORTANT TO ECONOMY; BAD NEWS FOR THAT INDUSTRY; L;AND TOO CLOSE TO CONNEAUT MARSH, AN IMPORTANT WILDLIFE AREA.

An Area Resident (Name not displayed)

The idea of breathing in this poison makes me think I would be better off if I hadn't quit smoking. At least my lungs would have been more used to it.

Bob F

our health and our environment is far more important than the risks of being guinee pigs on an untested theory so a few people can benefit at the expense of the local population and environment.

Dennis S

Ask for a Financial Plan. Where is the money to come from? Where do they plan on getting the tires, that are not available? Demand Answers....

robert w

Wow! I am soo soo happy to see everyone sign the petition from all over the world! Thank you everybody for caring about our backyard and for understanding that what we do here effects everyone everywhere!

William M

60 jobs are not worth the long term effects this opperation wil have on our health, unless health care becomes free, and then it is still not worth the impact on our health.