

APPENDIX A

Sampling of additional errors, omissions, and misrepresentations in the Orange County waste transfer station Environmental Assessment.

- A. The EA erroneously claims that no hazardous or toxic wastes will be stored on site.** (Application for EA, §II.B.2). This is not true. All garbage collected from homes contains hazardous and toxic wastes, as does most commercial garbage. In fact, the EA later admits that there will be a special waste processing area for, among other things, batteries, which contain hazardous wastes. So, hazardous waste will be stored on site. *See* also Exhibit C regarding household hazardous wastes.
- B. The EA makes directly conflicting claims about process wastewater generated on site.** On the application form, the County claims that 100% of the process waste water generated is to be reused or reclaimed, which avoids the necessity of specifying how the county will dispose of this highly polluted wastewater. (Application for EA, §II.B.6). On page one of the EA itself, however, the EA states in passing that “the wastewater generated at the site will be hauled to the local wastewater treatment plant.” EA §1.1. This process water is the water used to wash down the half acre of dumping floors every day—floors covered with rotting garbage residue. How will the facility handle this? The EA leaves us wondering.
- C. The EA claims that a septic tank system will be used for sanitary wastes, when the site does not perk and will not be suitable for septic.** The site is composed almost entirely of hydric and partially hydric soils with a depth to water of zero to 30 inches.
- D. The EA untruthfully minimizes the amount of grading to be done on this greenfields site.** On the application form, the consultant claims that only 0.5 acres will need to be graded (plus four acres of roadway). On page one of the body, again, a more truthful statement is made, again buried in general text: about 20 acres of the site will need to be disturbed. The main building alone is about a half acre (160' by 160'), plus equipment storage areas, parking pads, truck turning areas, scale house, and other appurtenant grading needs. What will the impact be? No information is provided to allow this to be evaluated.
- E. The EA artificially minimizes noise impacts.** The EA makes the rather silly suggestion that a stone quarry located 3.5 miles away causes noise impacts to this site similar to the construction and operation of this facility. EA § 3.9. It also makes the false claim that wooded buffers will be maintained to protect neighbors from noise impacts. EA §4.9. In fact, destruction of that buffer has already started. The current landowner (Mr. Howell) has completely logged the southeastern edge of the property to install an unpermitted road into the property. *See* Exhibit F, Driveway violations.