

# **Stop the Chem Waste Toxic Dump in Kettleman City!**

Despite the tragic birth defect and infant death crisis in Kettleman City, Chemical Waste Management still wants to expand their giant toxic waste dump.

## **Kettleman City is suffering from Birth Defects & Infant Deaths!**

There have been at least 11 birth defect cases since late 2007, far above local, state or national averages. Three of the babies died, as did one fetus. As pollution likely caused this problem, our government should reject any permits that would allow more pollution in or near Kettleman City.

## **The toxic waste dump pollutes the air, threatens health and increases traffic!**

The County admits a dump expansion would cause significant impacts on air quality, emissions of greenhouse gas pollution that cause climate change, and on traffic and transportation. Transporting waste in diesel trucks emits cancer-causing chemicals and particulates that can cause asthma. Dumping the waste at the landfill results in emissions to the environment.

## **Chem Waste Mishandles Toxic Waste – Improper Disposal and Monitoring!**

United States Environmental Protection Agency has caught Chem Waste repeatedly violating its permit conditions, including new violations for toxic spills, improper disposal of PCBs and years of failing to conduct required monthly monitoring, failing to test for PCBs in incoming waste, storm water runoff and leachate, & failing to properly calibrate testing equipment.

## **The County Discriminated Against Latinos and violated civil rights laws!**

At the public hearing held by Kings County, Spanish-speaking Latinos were allowed only half the time to speak as everyone else. When residents objected, they were threatened with removal and intimidated by the large police presence. The County refused to translate permit documents into Spanish, denying residents to fully participate in decisions that affect their lives.

## **Residents already suffer from the cumulative impacts of pollution!**

Residents suffer from the cumulative (combined) impacts of the dumping of hazardous waste, garbage and PCBs at the dump, as well as from pesticides, diesel emissions from thousands of trucks on Interstate 5 and Highway 41, and poor air quality. A giant fossil fuel power plant is proposed nearby in Avenal, and a nuclear power plant is proposed nearby in West Fresno County

## **What you can do to help Kettleman City!**

**Contact these government officials and demand they deny Chem Waste's permits. Also, ask them to notify you of public meetings, hearings and public comment periods.**

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