

Your letter is a powerful tool to protect our water!

Thank you for adding your voice opposing the current “cleanup” plan for Tremont City Barrel Fill. You are in good company, joining Ohio EPA, our Clark County and Springfield City Commissioners, German Township Trustees, and the Clark County Combined Health District, all saying “Clean up the Barrel Fill right!”

Our message is “Dig it up! Truck it out! Protect our water!”

Please send letters to any and/or all of the following decision-makers.

Ms Gina McCarthy
US EPA Administrator
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20460

Ms Susan Hedman
US EPA Region 5 Administrator
77 W Jackson Blvd.
Chicago IL 60604

Our Congressional Delegates:

Rep. John Boehner
by phone (Springfield office) - 937-322-1120
by email - <http://boehner.house.gov/contact/>
by mail – 76 E High St, Springfield OH 45502

Sen. Sherrod Brown
by phone - 202-224-2315
by email - <http://www.brown.senate.gov/contact/>
by mail – 425 Walnut St Suite 2310, Cincinnati OH 45202

Sen. Rob Portman
by phone - 202-224-3353
by email - <https://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-formby>
by mail – 37 W Broad St Room 300, Columbus OH 43215

President Barack Obama
by phone - 202-456-1111
by email - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments>

A simple, straightforward message for your letters:

- I am a resident of Clark County or _____.
- I am very concerned about the current plan to clean up the Tremont City Barrel Fill and rebury a large quantity of hazardous wastes onsite.
- Our pure and abundant water source, one of the country’s finest, cannot be replaced!

- **Dig up the poisons, truck them out, and properly treat and dispose of them where another community's water supply will not be jeopardized.**
- Thank you for your efforts to protect our health and environment.

For a more detailed letter, use any one or all of the following points:

1) Tremont City Barrel Fill contains 51,500 55-gal. barrels of wastes, including over 1.5 million gallons of hazardous wastes. Because of the site's geology --above a sand and gravel aquifer with a carbonate aquifer below that, this is no storage site for hazardous wastes! Additionally, groundwater from the site flows in the direction of the Springfield well fields.

2) The current proposed cleanup plan will allow **untreated hazardous wastes** to be reburied onsite for hundreds of years. *According to EPA's own current best practices for storing hazardous wastes, this is not allowed.* Why is this being allowed at Tremont City Barrel Fill?

3) *"The US EPA estimates the time for groundwater contamination to migrate from the Barrel Fill to the deep sand and gravel aquifer to be approximately 1000 years...."* This 1000 year time of travel calculation is not based on any data from the EPA's 2006 Remedial Investigation. It is a very suspect guesstimate.

4) The cleanup costs for this site are the responsibility of profitable corporations, not the US taxpayers. Ohio EPA has closely analyzed the estimates for the previous and acceptable cleanup plan and this current unacceptable plan. A strong case can be made that the current plan's cost is underestimated and the previous plan's cost is overestimated. Cost effectiveness is just one criteria for choosing the best, most protective plan.

6) Hindsight tells us that this site never should have been permitted in the first place. **Dig it up! Truck it out! Protect our water!**

Call us with questions or for further explanation – Marilyn Welker, President, People for Safe Water – 937-484-6988; Peter Townsend – Hydrogeological Consultant – 937-215-0578.

From People for Safe Water-- thank you for speaking out and exercising your citizen muscle!