

Dear Senator (Brown, Portman) / Rep. Boehner,

The sole source aquifer for 82,000 people, primarily Clark County residents, is currently at risk of contamination by chemical poisons from the Tremont City Barrel Fill Site, a Superfund Alternative Site in northern Clark County.

US EPA's original Plan 4a, released June 2010, was acceptable to all local and OEPA officials and would adequately address the site's cleanup. However, in June 2011 the US EPA adopted Plan 9a, issuing its Record of Decision that October.

This plan would allow long-term storage of highly toxic substances at the site. Because of the extraordinary geology of the site, it connects directly with two underlying aquifers. Plan 9a, if implemented, puts at risk the entire county's water supply. Jim Bodenmiller, Springfield's City Manager, has expressed his fear that with recent sampling at the site, the US EPA could potentially change the Hazardous Ranking Score and "claim that the site no longer qualifies as a Superfund [Alternative] site. This is very alarming and seems to be proffered as a veiled threat for a community to accept 9a or risk having no cleanup at all."

I stand with the OEPA Southwest District, all Clark County and Springfield Commissioners and City Manager, the German Township Trustees, and the Clark County Combined Health District in saying "NO!" to Plan 9a and asking specifically for removal of all the onsite hazardous wastes.

Can we count on you to work with us on this issue? At stake is nothing less than the protection of our extraordinary clean and abundant water resources for now and future generations.

Thank you for your assistance.