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Dear Mr. Osborne,

This letter is to inform you of the politics in the City of Tontitown with the expansion approval process. We have stressed to ADEQ the issues that the City of Tontitown has had with Waste Management via public comments, letters, complaints, and most recently public comments at the PCE meetings.

In late 2021 and early 2022, the former mayor pushed through the expansion process by utilizing non-elected officials, the Planning Commission, to approve the expansion of the landfill underdress as the mayor threaten them if not approved that they could be sued personally with the city not representing them since they are not city officials. The City Council thought this decision would come to them for a vote which it never did,....This meeting with the City Planners was witnessed by many.

This particular mayor resigned from his position in December of 2021 under scrutiny as there were issues he did not want to go public.

Under a new mayor in 2022, the City Council along with the city attorney draft the resolution to reject landfill expansion and it voted unanimously to reject the expansion of Class 1 and Class 4 landfills. City Council represents the citizens, and 1400 of the citizens signed petitions against the expansion of the landfill.

Our understanding of the expansion process as the approval process moves first with a certificate of need with Boston Mountain Solid Waste District than goes to the host city to be approved before it goes to ADEQ for approval.

How can this be approved by ADEQ without being approved by the host city?
Along with 1400 signed petitions by citizens from the city/area?

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The city of Tontitown has spoken, We hope ADEQ does the right thing for the environment, and the people of Tontitown, and follows the process of the landfill expansion process in Arkansas since a decision has not been made.

Thank You

Sincerely,

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