

To: Neil Zahradka, DEQ

From: Henry J. Staudinger, Citizens Representative
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Re: Resignation from DEQ's Biosolids TAC

Date: May 18, 2009

We have independently concluded that DEQ's Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC") is structured in such a way that concerns of Virginia's citizens and medical doctors have not and will not be addressed despite our participation on the TAC panel and best efforts to represent those interests. This flaw in design prevents those concerns from being objectively and credibly addressed and ultimately incorporated into revised rules and regulations. Therefore, as citizens we do not have an effective role. Rather than carry on as impotent members of a panel with predetermined outcomes, we reluctantly resign from the TAC. At a future date we will provide for the record a more detailed description of the failure of the TAC process as we see it.

