

Star Hesse May 15th Executive

Sullivan County Executive/Full Board Public Comment
5/15/25 No Incinerator Trash Disposal!

I was unable to attend last week's 5/8 Div. of Public Works committee meeting, but when I heard that the County is still pursuing incineration as a cure for our trash tsunami, I sent out this quick review of the deadly flaws in using the 'burn baby burn' disposal method, suggesting a better solution to the trash problem could be best realized by County officials listening to and working cooperatively with any and all sources of information that could lead to a trash reducing/recycling process that might be safer, more efficient, less costly and produce less pollution than the incineration method.

The information on waste reduction Board members have been sent compiles data from multiple scientific studies on the devastating effects of incinerator generated pollution. A multitude of countries, (England, Germany, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Holland, Scandinavia, the United States, etc.) were studied independently, and similar or identical problems from incinerator-generated 'forever' chemicals were found, with equally devastating effects on public health, animals and plant life. Additionally, areas near to or around virtually all the incinerator facilities were equally disrupted by this pollution.

None of these incinerator problems were the result of a one-off situation. The best way to tackle and correct the endemic problems of incinerated waste disposal is for County leaders to call on and listen to informed and interested community members/experts, and work collectively to reach the desired solution. By working together, we might just solve the local problem and possibly help save the Earth as well.

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