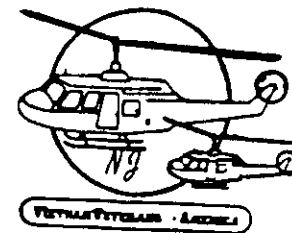




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Dear Mr. Weiner:

January 31, 1993

As you may be aware, the NJ state Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America has taken a firm stand in opposition to the ocean dumping of dioxin contaminated sludge from Newark Bay and the Arthur Kill. To clarify that position, however, we are not opposed to the dredging and we are distinctly aware of the economic impact of failing to dredge the referenced area.

On Wednesday, January 27th 1993, we met with Lillian Liburdi and other members of the Port Authority Staff in New York. Following that meeting, we briefly attended a very confused "hearing" at EPA's offices.

We find that the allowance of the dumping of dioxin contaminated sludge, six miles off the coast of New Jersey, is inconsistent with the environmental attitude and stance taken by DEPE. Especially when one considers DPC Regs and TCPA Regs.

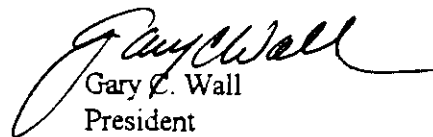
We are further concerned with the "de facto" capping allowed by the EPA, the apparent disregard of some testing results and the lack of effort, by all, regarding the clean up of the alleged source of the dioxin, the old Diamond Shamrock Plant.

I am asking to establish a meeting with you and other members of your staff to discuss this issue. Given our feeling that this permit is a "done deal" and the hearings are a "sham" conducted by the EPA to give the impression that concerned citizens' are being heard, we are asking for this meeting at your earliest possible convenience.

I can be reached at the following numbers and times.

WORK 7AM - 4:15PM
HOME 4:15PM - 10PM
(Msg or Fax)
PAGER (Anytime)

For the Members of the NJ State Council VVA.



Gary C. Wall
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