

# Landfill panel can't play NIMBY — expert

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A panel of 25 Oakland County residents will rate potential solid waste landfill sites by numbers, without knowing where they're located, a consultant said.

"No one will know what the sites are. They sites are numerically coded," J.W. (Joe) Spear told a hesitant county board of commissioners. "One commissioner raised fears the panel would play NIMBY — 'not in my back yard.'"

The advisory committee will hear technical presentations on hydrology, geology and construction, said Spear, a professional engineer from the Philadelphia firm of Rogers, Golden & Halpern.

"They will apply criteria to the sites. They (potential sites) will fall into an order. Only at the end (second to last meeting) will they know where the sites are located," Spear said.

THE COUNTY board gave 24-0

approval to 25 names (see list), one from each 35-square-mile survey township in the 900-square-mile county.

Its first meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Oakland Cafeteria in the courthouse tower in Pontiac. It is to be done by early fall.

The landfill must be adequate to handle "non-processible solid waste, bypassed solid waste and incinerator ash" for 40 years, according to the board's resolution.

The landfill is to be operating by 1993, according to the county plan. Spear's answers came to questions from Commissioner Larry Pernick, D-Southfield.

**PERNICK RAISED THE NIMBY question.**

"I'm concerned about the elected officials on this committee," Pernick said. "If they pick a site in their area, they will not survive in office."

"If you were making a selection today, would you want a prison in your district? An airport? An incinerator? A landfill?"

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Pernick argued that allowing elected officials on the panel — such as Holly Village President Ardath Regan, Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls, Oxford trustee Sharon Foster and Orion Supervisor JoAnn Van Tassel — might "exacerbate" the process.

"What do you think motivates an elected official to apply?" asked Pernick.

"A willingness to serve the com-

munity," answered Spear. "The outcome occurs before anyone knows where the sites are located."

THE LANDFILL will be part of Oakland's long-range solid waste plan that will include recycling and incineration to generate electricity.

Spear said 146 people — including nine elected officials and 14 governmental employees — applied. The consulting firm — which specializes in environmental, energy and land

use problems — made the selections. The names were reviewed as a group by County Executive Daniel T. Murphy and board chairman Roy Rewold, R-Rochester Hills.

Spear said the firm looked for ability to attend meetings, experience in committee work, knowledge of solid waste, occupation and level of interest.

"Political office, sex and race were not considered as separate criteria," Spear said.

MURPHY, in his State of the County address, said the county later this month is scheduled to review proposals from vendors interested in operating recycling centers, which should be in operation by 1991.

After saying in his prepared text that "a composting facility is expected to be running by early fall — just in time to accept the autumn leaves" — Murphy added, "I don't think it will be open in fall . . . there are site questions."

## 25 to help pick new landfill site

Here, by survey township, are the 25 members of Oakland County's landfill siting committee:

Holly — Ardath Regan, village president, known for landmark work in recycling, chair of state Toxic Substance Control Commission, member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' Council on Environmental Strategy.

Rose — Chester W. Koop, chair of the township zoning board of appeals, social worker.

Highland — James H. Doyle, superintendent of Huron Valley School District, state and municipal committee experience.

Milford — Charles Cabbage, state environmental consultant, Ph.D. in environmental health service, member of Eastern Michigan Environmental Action Council.

Lyon — Robert Seccombe, vice president of Ingersoll Rand, township trustee, member of several solid waste committees.

Groveland — William Borowy,

truck assembly supervisor, board of zoning appeals, member of stablex review committee.

Springfield — Collin Walls, township supervisor, past chair of solid waste board, real estate broker, active in SEMCOG.

White Lake — Kathleen Aseltyn, housewife with degrees in psychology and geology, certified in hazardous waste management.

Commerce — Timothy Carpenter, P.E., engineering consultant with experience in solid waste.

Novi — Charles Kureth Jr., president of CLK & Associates, environmental consultant, chair of local planning commission and environmental advisory committee.

Brandon — Robert Flath, photographer, small businessman, former township trustee, planning commissioner and police and fire board member.

Independence — Richard Detkowski, owner of Clarkston Disposal, member of Independent Solid Waste

Haulers Association, member of builders association and chamber of commerce.

Waterford — Linda Alaup, junior high teacher.

West Bloomfield — Grant Trigrger, environmental attorney, state Toxic Substances Control Commission, SEMCOG Council on Environmental Strategy, solid waste planner.

Farmington — Edwin Hedrick, senior facilities engineer with Ford Motor Co., experience with industrial wastes, architectural engineer.

Oxford — Sharon Foster, township trustee, member of solid waste board, homemaker.

Orion — JoAnn Van Tassel, township supervisor, member of solid waste board, member of solid waste task force of Michigan Townships Association.

Pontiac — Herbert Hudolin, city public utilities director, SEMCOG Area-wide Water Quality Board. Bloomfield — Thomas Waffan,

acting director of South Oakland Incinerator Authority, engineer in solid waste industry.

Southfield — Thomas Vukonich, city public works director, registered professional engineer.

Addison — Robert Swift, bank vice president, township trustee, member of Optimists and lake association.

Oakland — Susan Hoffman, licensed practical nurse, member of property owners' association.

Rochester — Wilburn Bennett, self-employed waste hauler, member of National Alliance of Small Business and Consumers, National Solid Waste Management Association.

Troy — Michael Marlow, Ph.D. in resource development, two degrees in geology, Oakland Community College.

Royal Oak — Harry Denman, Ph.D., professor of physics, Wayne State University, recycling experience.

## Does wood stove meet new rules?

LAST fall the Consumer Mailbag outlined new federal regulations on woodstoves that were adopted and went into effect last July. As a result, Concern received several requests for additional information about woodstoves. These are a few of the questions that came in and the answers we got from Alan Greenberg, director of the Wayne County Air Pollution Control Division.



Terry Gibb

Q: "Will the owners of woodstoves, lasers, etc. manufactured before July 1, 1988, have to have anything added to their stoves to have them meet the new federal rules?"

A: No. Stoves manufactured and purchased prior to the new regulations going into effect — July 1 — will not need any retrofitting to meet the new standards. Check with your local government to ensure that your stove is in compliance with any local ordinances regarding air pollution.

Q: "We have no idea if our stove is emitting a safe level of particulate matter. How can we find out what our level is? A safe environment is more important to us than saving money . . ."

A: There are consultant companies that will check what amount of particulate matter your stove is giving off. However, the cost of these tests are usually prohibitive in most cases.

To ensure the least amount of air emissions from your woodstove or fireplace, here are a few suggestions:

- Have your woodstove cleaned and checked regularly. A rule of thumb: Have your stove and chimney cleaned after each cord — not face cord — of wood is burned.

- Keep your woodstove in optimum operating condition. Make sure the stove is installed correctly, and check frequently that all parts are in good repair.

- Choose the best type of fuel. Preferred woods have been air-dried thoroughly for a year. Softwoods are good fuels but do not burn as cleanly as hardwoods due to the higher resin content.

- Use properly sized pieces — four to six inches thick or larger depending on stove size. Use kindling only for starting the fire. Avoid using loose paper (except to start), household rubbish or garbage, any treated woods or coal.

- Operate the stove correctly. Follow the manufacturer's directions for special techniques to use with your particular model. Check frequently that the air supply is adequate to completely burn the gases and resins from the wood.

**ECO-TIP:** The Environmental Protection Agency has several booklets on woodstove purchasing and use. Write to the EPA, Region V, 230 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. 60604 and ask for a complete list of materials available on woodstoves.

Address questions to The Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, One Kennedy Square, 4th Floor, Detroit 48226.



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