

ITT Dump Toxic Waste Dump

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I am addressing the issues concern with the ITT Toxic Waste Dump and its direct affect on the quality of life in surrounding communities.

I have witnessed a chemical cloud coming from the ITT Dump during a night in March of 86. It was during a light rain and the cloud moving east toward the moth ball fleet took the form identical to fog. The fog was actually air born chemicals that upon driving through caused my eyes to water and aspirin did not work for the head ache I got from breathing the concentration.

I also noticed in May of 86 in Contra Costa County just after a week of exceptionally warm weather, a light rain contained concentrations of a chemical that turned new foliage on fan palm trees bright yellow like weed killer had been sprayed on the trees some thirty feet high.

The chemicals being released into the air may very well be the cause of the alarming number of birth defects in Contra Costa County, furthermore; I believe the birth defect statistics should be very much a part of the states investigation as to the hazards imposed upon the surrounding communities by the ITT Dumps procedure of exposing vaporous toxic chemicals to the air.

The City of Vallejo had a similar problem in the early seventies when a Plant based in Hercules was releasing a gas containing lead and was contaminating grazing land and as a result the cattle were dying off until the Plant was closed by State and Public pressure.

I believe the act of evaporating poisonous gases into the air, especially into the air of our cities is irresponsible and should be reevaluated.

Your support is appreciated,

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