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Re: **Comments on Alternative Management Standards for Treated Wood Waste** Department Reference Number: R-2005-04 Office of Administrative Law Notice File Number: Z-06-1113-01

Dear Ms. Sotak:

In accordance with the Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC's) request for comments on the Department's proposed Alternative Management Standards for Treated Wood Waste, I wish to submit the following comments.

The key issue of concern is the appropriateness of DTSC's proposing to allow treated wood waste to be placed in minimum design US EPA Subtitle D (State of California Title 27 Class III) municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills. There seems to be a lack of understanding on the part of the DTSC staff about the ability of this type of landfill to provide for protection of public health, groundwater resources and the environment for as long as the wastes in such a landfill will be a threat. There is no issue about the fact that, ultimately, minimum design Subtitle D (SWRCB Class III) landfills will fail to prevent groundwater pollution by landfill leachate during the time that MSW landfilled wastes, including any commingled treated wood wastes, will be a threat to pollute groundwaters. There is also no issue about the fact that treated wood wastes that have been treated with copper, chromium and/or arsenic will release these contaminants to MSW leachate. Therefore, placing treated wood wastes that have been treated with these chemicals in a MSW landfill represents a potential to increase the hazard to public health and the environment due to disposal of treated wood waste that contains arsenic and/or chromium.

Of particular concern is the proposed new section 67386.11 Disposal:

#### "§ 67386.11 Disposal

(a) When disposed to land, TWW shall be disposed in either a Class I hazardous waste landfill, or in a composite-lined portion of a solid waste landfill unit that meets all requirements applicable to disposal of municipal solid waste in California after October 9, 1993, and that is regulated by waste discharge requirements issued pursuant to division 7 (commencing with § 13000) of the Water Code for discharges of designated waste, as defined in section 13173 of the Water Code, or TWW. (b) A solid waste landfill that accepts TWW shall:

(1) comply with the prohibitions in section 67386.3 for handling TWW;

(2) ensure that any management of the TWW at the solid waste landfill prior to disposal complies with the applicable requirements of this chapter;

(3) monitor the composite-lined portion of a landfill unit at which TWW has been disposed. When a release is verified, cease discharge of TWW to that landfill unit until corrective action results in cessation of the release. The landfill shall notify the department that TWW is no longer be discharged to that landfill unit and when corrective action results in cessation of the release; and ... "

These regulations allow treated wood wastes to be deposited in a minimum design (with a single composite liner) MSW landfill with the typical groundwater monitoring well array at the point of compliance with the wells frequently spaced hundreds of feet apart. As discussed herein and as is recognized, this approach is fundamentally flawed with respect to protecting groundwater resources, public health and the environment from pollution by landfilled wastes for as long as the wastes in a "dry tomb" type landfill will be a threat. Lee and Jones-Lee (2006a) have discussed the significant deficiencies that exist in allowing minimum design Subtitle D (Class III) landfills to be developed at sites where the geological strata underlying the landfill does not provide for a high degree of certainty of preventing groundwater pollution for as long as the wastes in the landfill will be a threat.

As discussed by Lee and Jones-Lee (2006a), the wastes in a dry tomb type landfill allowed under the current Title 27 regulations will be a threat, effectively forever, to cause groundwater pollution. However, the plastic sheeting and compacted clay liners (single composite liners) have a finite period of time that they can be effective in collecting leachate generated in the landfill. This situation is the basis for the flaw in the technology of minimum design Subtitle D landfilling regulations. It should be noted that there are over half a dozen US states that will not allow a minimum design Subtitle D landfill to be developed in their state because of the inability of the landfill liner systems and groundwater monitoring systems to prevent groundwater pollution and to detect the pollution once the leachate has passed through the liner into the underlying groundwaters before trespass onto adjacent properties.

While some of the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards are now beginning to require a double composite lined landfill for municipal solid wastes, such a design is not required under the current regulations, even though it is widely recognized that the current regulations are inadequate to protect public health and the environment for as long as the wastes in a single composite lined landfill will be a threat. These issues are discussed in detail, with appropriate references to the literature, in the Lee and Jones-Lee (2006a) "Flawed Technology" review, which is incorporated by reference as part of these comments. This review is readily available from the Internet:

Lee, G. F. and Jones-Lee, A., "Flawed Technology of Subtitle D Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste," Report of G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, December (2004). Updated March (2006).

http://www.members.aol.com/apple27298/SubtitleDFlawedTechnPap.pdf

Recently Drs. G. Fred Lee and Anne Jones-Lee (Lee and Jones-Lee, 2006b) have developed a discussion of Groundwater Quality Protection Issues, which is also incorporated by reference as part of these comments:

Lee, G. F. and Jones-Lee, A., "Groundwater Quality Protection Issues," Report of G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, December (2006b). http://www.members.aol.com/annejlee/GWProtectionIssues.pdf

This discussion provides a chronicle of my experience with landfilling regulations in California. As discussed, beginning in the early 1980s, I was a consultant to the California State Water Resources Control Board in developing the original Subchapter 15, now Title 27, landfilling regulations. This review (Lee and Jones-Lee, 2006b) provides a discussion of the failure of the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards and the State Water Resources Control Board to follow well-established, technically valid approaches required by these regulations, of conducting a site-specific evaluation of the ability of a proposed landfill liner system to prevent groundwater pollution by landfill leachate for as long as the wastes in the landfill represent a threat.

Unfortunately, this situation still persists today, with the result that DTSC cannot rely on the current MSW landfilling regulations to prevent chemicals used to treat wood, such as chromium and arsenic, from being leached from any treated wood placed in a MSW landfill and thereby potentially increase the hazard that this leachate represents to groundwater and surface water resources potentially impacted by the landfill.

As discussed by Drs. Lee and Jones-Lee, one of the significant deficiencies in the current State of California landfilling regulations is the requirement that a landfill owner will provide postclosure monitoring, maintenance and groundwater remediation for as long as the wastes in the landfill will be a threat. While Title 27 specifies that this must be carried out, there are no provisions to assure that this funding requirement will be fulfilled. Of particular concern are privately developed landfills, since there are reasonable questions as to whether a private company that develops a landfill could reliably fulfill the postclosure funding requirements. While the public entity responsible for publicly owned landfills can be expected to fulfill the postclosure funding requirements, privately owned landfills may not be able to do so.

This issue is of sufficient importance to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) that the CIWMB staff are in the process of developing assured funding mechanisms that would develop the postclosure funding needed by both public and private landfill owners to fulfill the requirements of Title 27 for monitoring, maintenance and groundwater remediation for as long as the landfill represents a threat. Recently Drs. Lee and Jones-Lee (2007) have submitted a statement in support of the CIWMB efforts to address this issue:

Lee, G. F. and Jones-Lee, A., "Comments on the CIWMB Staff Efforts to Gain Assured Postclosure Funding for Landfills for as Long as the Wastes in the Landfill Are a Threat to Public Health and the Environment," Comments Submitted to California Integrated Waste Management Board by G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, January (2007). http://www.members.aol.com/annejlee/CIWMBPostCloseFund.pdf

I request that this statement (Lee and Jones-Lee, 2007) also be incorporated into the record for the current DTSC review of Alternative Management Standards for Treated Wood Waste.

Overall, DTSC, as part of updating its management requirements for treated wood wastes, needs to revise these requirements so that those who propose to allow treated wood wastes to be deposited in a minimum design (with a single composite liner) Class III landfill must conduct the studies necessary to demonstrate that the disposal of treated wood wastes in a particular landfill will not have a significant potential to increase the hazard posed by that landfill's leachate to public health, groundwater resources and the environment for as long as the wastes in the landfill will represent a threat.

Basically the approach that should be used to make such an evaluation is based on Marshack's (of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board) Designated Level Methodology for Waste Classification and Cleanup Level Determination (Marshack, 1989), with the difference that, rather than focusing on whether the waste is "inert," the focus should be on whether the addition of treated wood waste for a particular landfill could ultimately lead to an increased hazard to the environment by constituents leached from the treated wood.

#### **Background to these Comments**

Appended to these comments is a summary of my expertise and experience pertinent to landfilling regulations. As discussed, this includes university research studies in the 1970s on behalf of the US EPA to investigate the ability of various landfill liner materials to contain leachate and liquid wastes. This information also provides a list of my recent papers and reports which serve as pertinent background to these comments, as well as references to various landfill impact evaluations that I have been involved in over the past several years.

Beginning in the 1960s and continuing today, I have been involved in reviewing over 80 landfilling situations with respect to the ability of a landfill to protect public health and the environment from pollution by landfilled wastes. This work has included evaluating landfills in various parts of the US, Canada and other countries, usually on behalf of a water utility, county, municipality or others who are concerned about the potential impacts of a proposed landfill or landfill expansion on the groundwater resources of a region. Example reports of my work on this issue are available on my website, http://www.gfredlee.com, in the Landfills-Groundwater section, Examples of Specific Landfill Studies subsection:

http://www.gfredlee.com/plandfil2.htm#examples

The issue of the potential of treated wood wastes to cause groundwater pollution has been an issue that I have devoted considerable time to during the past year as part of my working with citizens groups in Louisiana and Ohio, in evaluating the potential for construction and demolition wastes (C&D wastes) to pollute groundwaters and surface waters near a landfill. Several years ago I first became involved in reviewing the potential impacts of a C&D waste landfill on a domestic water supply located in Huber Heights, Ohio, where I concluded that C&D wastes represent a significant potential to cause groundwater pollution. About a year ago I was asked by the Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN) to review the city of New Orleans' proposed approach for disposal of hurricane Katrina C&D wastes on top of the Gentilly Landfill, which was an old, unlined MSW landfill. One of the issues of particular concern was the

presence of treated wood wastes in the Katrina wastes. Reports on this situation are available from my website:

Lee, G. F., "Comments on the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's 'Decision for Utilization of Gentilly Landfill "Type III" for the Disposal of Hurricane Generated Debris,' Dated August 28, 2006," Comments Submitted to Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality by G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, October (2006). http://www.members.aol.com/annejlee/LDEQ-Decision-comments.pdf

Lee, G. F., "Summary of Findings on the Environmental Impacts of the Proposed C&D Landfill on Top of the Closed Gentilly Landfill," Submitted to Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Baton Rouge, LA, February (2006). http://www.members.aol.com/annejlee/FindingsGentilly.pdf

Also during the past year I worked with a group of concerned citizens in Morrow County, Ohio, helping them understand the potential impacts of C&D wastes, including treated wood wastes, on the groundwater resources potentially impacted by two proposed C&D landfills. A report covering this review is available on my website:

Lee, G. F., "Improving Public Health and Environmental Protection from the Proposed Morrow County C&DD Landfills," Report of G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, February 14 (2006). http://www.members.aol.com/annejlee/CDD-LF-Improvement.pdf

#### Overall

The current DTSC proposed approach for Alternative Management Standards for Treated Wood Waste is deficient in providing for adequate public health and environmental protection from the chemicals used to treat wood (chromium and arsenic), by allowing treated wood waste to be placed in a minimum design Title 27 Class III MSW landfill. DTSC needs to revise these regulations so that all disposal of treated wood wastes in such a landfill must be evaluated prior to disposal, to determine if the disposal of treated wood wastes in a landfill represents a significant additional threat to public health, groundwater resources and the environment. Failure to adopt this approach will perpetuate the existing situation of allowing the disposal of known hazardous chemicals in MSW landfills which, in time, will ultimately fail to prevent leachate generated in such landfills from polluting the groundwater and surface water resources near the landfill, as required by Title 27.

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Marshack, J., "The Designated Level Methodology for Waste Classification and Cleanup Level Determination," Staff Report of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Rancho Cordova, CA, October 1986, Updated June (1989). http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available\_documents/guidance/dlm.pdf

## Appendix Dr. G. Fred Lee, PE(TX), DEE AAEE Board Certified Environmental Engineer

## Expertise and Experience in Hazardous Chemical Site and Municipal/Industrial Landfill Impact Assessment/Management

Dr. G. Fred Lee's work on hazardous chemical site and municipal/industrial landfill impact assessment began in the mid-1950s while he was an undergraduate student in environmental health sciences at San Jose State College in San Jose, California. His course and field work involved review of municipal and industrial solid waste landfill impacts on public health and the environment.

He obtained a Master of Science in Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1957. The focus of his masters degree work was on water quality evaluation and management with respect to public health and environmental protection from chemical constituents and pathogenic organisms.

Dr. Lee obtained a PhD degree specializing in environmental engineering from Harvard University in 1960. As part of this degree work he obtained further formal education in the fate, effects and significance and the development of control programs for chemical constituents in surface and ground water systems. An area of specialization during his PhD work was aquatic chemistry, which focused on the transport, fate and transformations of chemical constituents in aquatic (surface and ground water) and terrestrial systems as well as in waste management facilities.

For a 30-year period, he held university graduate-level teaching and research positions in departments of civil and environmental engineering at several major United States universities, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Texas at Dallas, and Colorado State University. During this period he taught graduate-level environmental engineering courses in water and wastewater analysis, water and wastewater treatment plant design, surface and ground water quality evaluation and management, and solid and hazardous waste management. He has published over 1,100 professional papers and reports on his research results and professional experience. His research included, beginning in the 1970s, the first work done on the impacts of organics on clay liners for landfills and waste piles/lagoons.

His work on the impacts of hazardous chemical site and municipal/industrial solid waste landfills began in the 1960s when, while directing the Water Chemistry Program in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he became involved in the review of the impacts of municipal solid waste landfills on groundwater quality.

In the 1970s, while he was Director of the Center for Environmental Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas, he was involved in the review of a number of municipal solid and industrial (hazardous) waste landfill situations, focusing on the impacts of releases from the landfill on public health and the environment.

In the early 1980s while holding a professorship in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Colorado State University, he served as an advisor to the town of Brush, Colorado, on the potential impacts of a proposed hazardous waste landfill on the groundwater resources of interest to the community. Based on this work, he published a paper in the Journal of the American Water Works Association discussing the ultimate failure of the liner systems proposed for that landfill in preventing groundwater pollution by landfill leachate. In 1984 this paper was judged by the Water Resources Division of the American Water Works Association as the best paper published in the journal for that year.

In the 1980s, he conducted a comprehensive review of the properties of HDPE liners of the type being used today for lining municipal solid waste and hazardous waste landfills with respect to their compatibility with landfill leachate and their expected performance in containing waste-derived constituents for as long as the waste will be a threat.

In the 1980s while he held the positions of Director of the Site Assessment and Remediation Division of a multi-university consortium hazardous waste research center and Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, he was involved in numerous situations concerning the impact of landfilling of municipal solid waste on public health and the environment. He has served as an advisor to the states of California, Michigan, New Jersey and Texas on solid waste regulations and management. He was involved in evaluating the potential threat of uranium waste solids from radium watch dial painting on groundwater quality when disposed of by burial in a gravel pit. The public in the area of this state of New Jersey proposed disposal site objected to the State's proposed approach. Dr. Lee provided testimony in litigation, which caused the judge reviewing this matter to prohibit the State from proceeding with the disposal of uranium/radium waste at the proposed location.

Dr. Lee's expertise includes surface and ground water quality evaluation and management. This expertise is based on academic course work, research conducted by Dr. Lee and others and consulting activities. He has served as an advisor to numerous governmental agencies in the US and other countries on water quality issues. Further, he has served on several editorial boards for professional journals, including *Ground Water*, *Environmental Science and Technology*, *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*, etc. Throughout his over-45-year professional career, he has been a member of several professional organization committees, including chairing the American Water Works Association national Quality Control in Reservoirs Committee and the US Public Health Service PCBs in Drinking Water Committee.

Beginning in the 1960s, while a full-time university professor, Dr. Lee was a part-time private consultant to governmental agencies, industry and environmental groups on water quality and solid and hazardous waste and mining management issues. His work included evaluating the impacts of a number of municipal and industrial solid waste landfills. Much of this work was done on behalf of water utilities, governmental agencies and public interest groups who were concerned about the impacts of a proposed landfill on their groundwater resources, public health and the environment. In 1989, he retired after 30 years of graduate-level university teaching and research and expanded the part-time consulting that he had been doing with governmental agencies, industry and community and environmental groups into a full-time activity. A principal area of his work since then has been assisting water utilities, municipalities, industry, community and environmental groups, agricultural interests and others in evaluating the potential public health and environmental impacts of proposed or existing hazardous, as well as municipal solid waste landfills. He has been involved in the review of approximately 85 different landfills and waste piles (tailings) in various parts of the United States and in other countries, including 12 hazardous waste landfills, eight Superfund site landfills and five construction and demolition waste landfills. He has also served as an advisor to a hazardous waste landfill developer and to IBM corporate headquarters and other companies on managing hazardous wastes.

Dr. Anne Jones-Lee (his wife) and he have published extensively on the issues that should be considered in developing new or expanded municipal solid waste and hazardous waste landfills in order to protect the health, groundwater resources, environment and interests of those within the sphere of influence of the landfill. Their over 120 professional papers and reports on landfilling issues provide guidance not only on the problems of today's minimum US EPA Subtitle D landfills, but also on how landfilling of non-recyclable wastes can and should take place to protect public health, groundwater resources, the environment, and the interests of those within the sphere of influence of a landfill/waste management unit. They make many of their publications available as downloadable files from their web site, www.gfredlee.com.

Their work on landfill issues has particular relevance to Superfund site remediation, since regulatory agencies often propose to perform site remediation by developing an onsite landfill or capping waste materials that are present at the Superfund site. The proposed approach frequently falls short of providing true long-term health and environmental protection from the landfilled/ capped waste.

In the early 1990s, Dr. Lee was appointed to a California Environmental Protection Agency's Comparative Risk Project Human Health Subcommittee that reviewed the public health hazards of chemicals in California's air and water. In connection with this activity, Dr. Jones-Lee and he developed a report, "Impact of Municipal and Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Landfills on Public Health and the Environment: An Overview," that served as a basis for the human health advisory committee to assess public health impacts of municipal landfills.

In 2004 Dr Lee was selected as one of two independent peer reviewers by the Pottstown (PA) Landfill Closure Committee to review the adequacy of the proposed closure of the Pottstown Landfill to protect public health, groundwater resources and the environment for as long as the wastes in the closed landfill will be a threat.

In addition to teaching and serving as a consultant in environmental engineering for over 40 years, Dr. Lee is a registered professional engineer in the state of Texas and a Diplomate in the American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE). The latter recognizes his leadership roles in the environmental engineering field. He has served as the chief examiner for the AAEE in north-central California and New Jersey, where he has been responsible for

administering examinations for professional engineers with extensive experience and expertise in various aspects of environmental engineering, including solid and hazardous waste management.

His work on landfill impacts has included developing and presenting several two-day short-courses devoted to landfills and groundwater quality protection issues. These courses have been presented through the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Water Resources Association, and the National Ground Water Association in several United States cities, including New York, Atlanta, Seattle and Chicago, and the University of California Extension Programs at several of the UC campuses, as well as through other groups. He has also participated in a mine waste management short-course organized by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Nevada. He has been an American Chemical Society tour speaker, where he is invited to lecture on landfills and groundwater quality protection issues, as well as domestic water supply water quality issues throughout the United States.

Throughout Dr. Lee's 30-year university graduate-level teaching and research career and his subsequent 16-year private consulting career, he has been active in developing professional papers and reports that are designed to help regulatory agencies and the public gain technical information on environmental quality management issues. Drs. Lee and Jones-Lee have provided a number of reviews on issues pertinent to the appropriate landfilling of solid wastes. Their most comprehensive review of municipal solid waste landfilling issues is what they call the "Flawed Technology of Subtitle D Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste," which was originally developed in 1992, and redeveloped and updated in the fall of 2004. Between the two versions they have published numerous invited and contributed papers that provide information on various aspects of municipal solid waste landfilling, with emphasis on protecting public health and the environment from waste components for as long as they will be a threat. The "Flawed Technology" review has been periodically updated, including the most recent update in March 2006, which can be found on their website at

http://www.members.aol.com/apple27298/SubtitleDFlawedTechnPap.pdf.

This review provides a comprehensive, integrated discussion of the problems that can occur with minimum-design Subtitle D landfills and landfills developed in accord with state regulations that conform to minimum Subtitle D requirements. The "Flawed Technology" review contains a listing of the various reviews that Drs. Lee and Jones-Lee have developed, as well as peer-reviewed literature. Over 40 peer-reviewed papers are cited in "Flawed Technology" supporting issues discussed in this review.

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#### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Environmental Engineering & Environmental Science, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. 1960
  M.S.P.H. Environmental Science-Environmental Chemistry, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 1957
- B.A. Environmental Health Science, San Jose State College, San Jose, CA 1955

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Current Position:**

Consultant, President, G. Fred Lee and Associates

#### **Previous Positions:**

- Distinguished Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ, 1984-89
- Senior Consulting Engineer, EBASCO-Envirosphere, Lyndhurst, NJ (part-time), 1988-89
- Coordinator, Estuarine and Marine Water Quality Management Program, NJ Marine Sciences Consortium Sea Grant Program, 1986
- Director, Site Assessment and Remedial Action Division, Industry, Cooperative Center for Research in Hazardous and Toxic Substances, New Jersey Institute of Technology et al., Newark, NJ, 1984-1987
- Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Texas Tech University, 1982-1984

Professor, Environmental Engineering, Colorado State University, 1978-1982

- Professor, Environmental Engineering & Sciences; Director, Center of Environmental Studies, University of Texas at Dallas, 1973-1978
- Professor of Water Chemistry, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1961-1973

Registered Professional Engineer, State of Texas, Registration No. 39906

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## PUBLICATIONS AND AREAS OF ACTIVITY

Published over 1,100 professional papers, chapters in books, professional reports, and similar materials. The topics covered include:

- Studies on sources, significance, fate and the development of control programs for chemicals in aquatic and terrestrial systems.
- Analytical methods for chemical contaminants in fresh and marine waters.
- Landfills and groundwater quality protection issues.
- Impact of landfills on public health and environment.
- Environmental impact and management of various types of wastewater discharges including municipal, mining, electric generating stations, domestic and industrial wastes, paper and steel mill, refinery wastewaters, etc.

Stormwater runoff water quality evaluation and BMP development for urban areas and highways.

• Eutrophication causes and control, groundwater quality impact of land disposal of municipal and industrial wastes, environmental impact of dredging and dredged material disposal, water quality modeling, hazard assessment for new and existing chemicals, water quality and sediment criteria and standards, water supply water quality, assessment of actual environmental impact of chemical contaminants on water quality.

## LECTURES

Presented over 760 lectures at professional society meetings, universities, and to professional and public groups.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Principal investigator for over six million dollars of contract and grant research in the water quality and solid and hazardous waste management field.

## GRADUATE WORK CONDUCTED UNDER SUPERVISION OF G. FRED LEE

Over 90 M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations have been completed under the supervision of Dr. Lee.

## **ADVISORY ACTIVITIES**

Consultant to numerous international, national and regional governmental agencies, community and environmental groups and industries.

#### Municipal Solid Waste Landfills and Groundwater Quality Protection Issues Publications

Drs. G. Fred Lee and Anne Jones-Lee have prepared several papers and reports on various aspects of municipal solid waste (MSW) management and hazardous waste management by landfilling, groundwater quality protection issues, as well as other issues of concern to those within a sphere of influence of a landfill. These materials provide an overview of the key problems associated with landfilling of MSW and hazardous waste utilizing lined "dry tomb" landfills and suggest alternative approaches for MSW management that will not lead to groundwater pollution by landfill leachate and protect the health and interests of those within the sphere of a landfill. Copies of many of these papers and reports are available as downloadable files from Drs. G. Fred Lee's and Anne Jones-Lee's web page (http://www.gfredlee.com). Recent papers and reports on landfilling issues are listed below. Copies of the papers and reports listed below as well as a complete list of publications on this and related topics are available upon request.

## **Overall Problems with "Dry Tomb" Landfills**

Lee, G. F. and Jones-Lee, A., "Flawed Technology of Subtitle D Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste," Report of G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, December (2004). Updated March (2006). http://www.members.aol.com/apple27298/SubtitleDFlawedTechPap.pdf

Lee, G. F., and Jones-Lee, A., "Municipal Solid Waste Landfills – Water Quality Issues," <u>Water</u> <u>Encyclopedia: Water Quality and Resource Development</u>, Wiley, Hoboken, NJ, pp 163-169 (2005). http://www.members.aol.com/annejlee/WileyLandfills.pdf

Lee, G. F. and Jones-Lee, A., "Overview of Subtitle D Landfill Design, Operation, Closure and Postclosure Care Relative to Providing Public Health and Environmental Protection for as Long as the Wastes in the Landfill will be a Threat," Report of G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA (2004). http://www.gfredlee.com/LFoverviewMSW.pdf

Lee, G. F. and Jones, R.A., "Municipal Solid Waste Management: Long-Term Public Health and Environmental Protection," University of California, Davis, Landfills and Groundwater Quality Short Course Materials, April (1991).

http://www.members.aol.com/annejlee/MSWMANAGT.pdf

Lee, G. F., "Comments on GeoSyntec Consultants' Draft Report 'Landfill Facility Compliance Study Task 8 Report-Summary of Findings and Comprehensive Recommendations,' Dated May 2004," Comments Submitted to CIWMB by G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, June (2004). http://www.members.aol.com/duklee2307/GeoSyntecTask8-Comments.pdf

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Lee, G. F., "Solid Waste Management: USA Lined Landfilling Reliability," An invited submission for publication in *Natural Resources Forum*, a United Nations Journal, New York, NY, December (2002). http://www.gfredlee.com/UNpaper-landfills.pdf

Lee, G. F., "Deficiencies in the US EPA's Characterization of the Protection Provided by Subtitle D Landfilling of MSW," Report of G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, March (2003). http://www.gfredlee.com/USEPApropaganda.pdf

Lee, G. F. and Jones-Lee, A., "Deficiencies in Subtitle D Landfill Liner Failure and Groundwater Pollution Monitoring," Presented at the NWQMC National Conference "Monitoring: Critical Foundations to Protect Our Waters," US Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C., July (1998). http://www.gfredlee.com/nwqmcl.html

Lee, G. F. and Jones-Lee, A., "Deficiencies in US EPA Subtitle D Landfills in Protecting Groundwater Quality for as Long as MSW is a Threat: Recommended Alternative Approaches," Report of G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA (1997). http://www.gfredlee.com/subd\_pap.htm

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| Arizona  | Verde Valley - Copper Tailings Pile Closure   |
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| (State Landfilling Regulations)                      | Mobile – Southpoint Landfill  |
| <b>California</b><br>(State Landfilling Regulations) | Colusa County - CERRS Landfill         San Gabriel Valley - Azusa Landfill (Superfund Site)         City of Industry - Puente Hills Landfill         North San Diego County, 3 landfills         San Diego County - Gregory Canyon Landfill         El Dorado County Landfill         Yolo County Landfill         Yolo County Landfill         Half Moon Bay - Apanolio Landfill         Pittsburg - Keller Canyon Landfill         Chuckwalla Valley - Eagle Mountain Landfill         Mountain View - Mountain View Landfill         Barstow - Hidden Valley (Hazardous Waste)         Cadiz - Bolo Station-Rail Cycle Landfill         University of California-Davis Landfills (4) (3 Superfund Site)         San Marcos - San Marcos Landfill         Placer County - Western Regional Sanitary Landfill         Placer County - Turkey Carcass Disposal Pits         Imperial County - Concord Naval Weapons Station Tidal LF (Superfund)         Nevada County - Lava Cap Mine Area Landfill (Superfund Site)         Sylmar - Sunshine Canyon Landfill         Roseville - Roseville Landfill         Roseville - Roseville Landfill |
| <b>Colorado</b><br>(State Landfilling Regulations)   | Last Chance/Brush – (Hazardous Waste Landfill)<br>Denver - Lowry (Hazardous Waste Landfill)<br>Telluride/Idarado Mine Tailings  |
| Delaware   | Various MSW landfills – Evaluate past disposal of industrial wastes   |
| Florida  | Alachua County Landfill   |
| Georgia  | Meriwether County – Turkey Run Landfill<br>Hancock County – Culverton Plantation Landfill   |
| <b>Illinois</b><br>(State Landfilling Regulations)   | Crystal Lake - McHenry County Landfill<br>Wayne County Landfill<br>Kankakee County – Kankakee Landfill<br>Peoria County – Peoria Waste Disposal (Hazardous Waste)   |
| <b>Indiana</b><br>(State Landfilling Regulations)    | Posey County Landfill<br>New Haven-Adams Center Landfill (Hazardous Waste)  |
| Louisiana  | New Orleans vicinity - Gentilly Landfill  |
| <b>Michigan</b><br>(State Landfilling Regulations)   | Menominee Township - Landfill<br>Ypsilanti- Waste Disposal Inc. (Hazardous Waste - PCB's)   |
| Minnesota  | Reserve Mining Co., Silver Bay - taconite tailings<br>Wright County - Superior FCR Landfill   |
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Missouri

Jefferson County - Bob's Home Service (Hazardous Waste)

| New Jersey  | Fort Dix Landfill (Superfund Site)<br>Cherry Hill – GEMS (Superfund Site)<br>Lyndhurst - Meadowlands Landfill<br>Scotch Plains Leaf Dump  |  |
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| New York  | Staten Island - Fresh Kills Landfill,<br>Niagara Falls Landfill – (Hazardous Waste),<br>New York City – Ferry Point Landfill  |  |
| North Dakota  | Turtle River Township - Grand Forks Balefill Facility Landfill  |  |
| Ohio  | Clermont County - BFI/CECOS Landfill (Hazardous Waste)<br>Huber Heights - Taylorville Road Hardfill Landfill (Cⅅ)<br>Morrow County – Washington and Harmony Townships Cⅅ Landfills        |  |
| Pennsylvania  | Pottstown – Pottstown Landfill  |  |
| Rhode Island  | Richmond – Landfill (C&D)   |  |
| South Carolina  | Spartanburg - Palmetto Landfill   |  |
| Texas   | Dallas/Sachse – Landfill<br>Fort Worth - Acme Brick Landfill (Hazardous Waste)<br>City of Dallas - Jim Miller Road Landfill<br>Pasadena – Mobil Mining and Minerals industrial waste pile |  |
| Vermont   | Coventry, Vermont - Coventry Landfill   |  |
| Washington  | Tacoma - 304th and Meridian Landfill  |  |
| Wisconsin   | Madison and Wausau Landfills  |  |
|   | INTERNATIONAL LANDFILLS   |  |
| Belize  | Mile 27 Landfill  |  |
| <b>Ontario, Canada</b><br>(Prov. Landfilling Regulations) | Greater Toronto Area - Landfill Siting Issues<br>Kirkland Lake - Adams Mine Site Landfill<br>Pembroke - Cott Solid Waste Disposal Areas   |  |
| Manitoba, Canada  | Winnipeg Area - Rosser Landfill   |  |
| New Brunswick, Canada                                     | St. John's - Crane Mountain Landfill  |  |
| Nova Scotia, Canada                                       | Sydney Tar Ponds and Coke Ovens Site  |  |
| England   | Mercyside Waste Disposal Bootle Landfill  |  |
| Hong Kong   | Three New MSW Landfills   |  |
| Ireland   | County Cork - Bottlehill Landfill<br>County Clare - Central Waste Management Facility, Ballyduff  |  |
| Korea   | Yukong Gas Co Hazardous Waste Landfill  |  |
| <b>Mexico</b><br>(Haz. Waste Landfilling Reg.)            | San Luis Pontosi Landfill- (Hazardous Waste)  |  |
| New Zealand   | North Waikato Regional Landfill   |  |
| Puerío Rico   | Salinas - Campo Sur Landfill  |  |

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