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Tri-State Environmental Council
Location of the WTI toxic waste incinerator

• In the impoverished, minority Appalachian river-town of East Liverpool, Ohio;
• In the flood plain immediately on the bank of the Ohio River;
• In a valley where air inversions trap toxic pollution in a blanket effect 2 out of every 3 days;
• In a residential neighborhood where the closest home is a mere 320 feet away;
• 400 yards from a 400-student elementary school.
Victories

- Ohio moratorium on new hazardous waste incinerators.
- First Congressional hearing on ways EPA bends rules to help polluting industries.
- Overhaul of federal combustion regulations, including more stringent emission limits for toxic heavy metals and first-time dioxin emission limit under RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act).
- Government acknowledgement of food chain risk from pollution.
- Establishment of national siting standards for all hazardous waste management facilities.
...and then leads a group of protesters over the fence en route to arrest.
After all, this is a peaceful protest: East Liverpool Captain Robert Bloor shakes hands with Martin Sheen right before arresting the actor and other people inside the gates at WTI.
Trial set

A municipal court judge has scheduled a trial for Dec. 17 and 18 in East Liverpool, Ohio, for actor Martin Sheen, center with beard. Sheen, shown during his arrest last month, and 35 others were charged during a protest against construction of a hazardous waste incinerator in East Liverpool.
Waiting to be heard

Alonzo Spencer (center), Terri Swearingen (right) and other opponents of a hazardous-waste incinerator being built in East Liverpool dressed as prisoners Tuesday and demonstrated at the Statehouse, demanding a visit by Gov. George Voinovich and a halt to construction. Members of Save Our County and the Tri-State Environmental Council also distributed “wanted posters” charging Voinovich with being “blind to the facts” and “deaf to the calls of citizens.” The group failed to win an audience with the governor or get on his appointment calendar.
WANTED
for endangering the people and State of Ohio

GEORGE VOINOVICH
Governor

Description
Eyes: Blind to the facts.
Ears: Deaf to the calls of citizens.
Height: Shrinking under pressure from polluters and those wanting to turn Ohio into the world's waste capital.
Disguise: Sometimes presents himself as a public servant.
Remarks: Uncomfortable around citizens wishing to protect public health and the environment.

Last Seen: Backing away from protecting the citizens of East Liverpool from the world's largest hazardous waste incinerator.

Caution: This man is a danger to the people of Ohio!

GEORGE VOINOVICH IS WANTED FOR THE INTENTIONAL AND DELIBERATE POISONING OF OHIO'S PEOPLE.

Some of the specific acts by Mr. Voinovich against the people of Ohio include:

* intent to use East Liverpool's children as guinea pigs for the hazardous waste industry;
* failure to develop long-term solutions to the toxic waste crisis such as Toxics Use Reduction plans;
* arrogantly refused to meet with constituents on many occasions to discuss state environmental policies;
* sheepishly refused to uphold Ohio's laws and stop the world's largest hazardous waste incinerator less than 1000 feet from an elementary school in East Liverpool;
* hides the fact that his brother is an incinerator developer;
* now fulfilling his deadly 1990 campaign promise to "streamline" Ohio's environmental regulations.

If you see this man do not try to comprehend alone!
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Governor Voinovich is a *Wienie* on Waste
Tell the Governor..
"Don't Burn Ohio, Stop Incineration"

Send him a *Wienie*
Call him at (614) 466-3555

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Protest roasts 'weenie'

Incinerator foes skewer Voinovich

By T.C. BROWN
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS

They came from the East bearing gifts of gold, frankfurters and mirth.

Opponents of the nation's largest hazardous-waste incinerator, under construction in East Liverpool, came from afar yesterday with trinkets for Gov. George V. Voinovich. The presents were left at a receptionist's desk at the governor's office because Voinovich was at a conference in Salt Lake City.

It was not the spirit of the season driving the opponents' largess, nor do they consider the governor a savior. Rather, the gold was a yellow shade used by protesters in a coloring book to depict Voinovich. They contend he is frightened of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency studies that show the Waste Technologies Industries incinerator is not needed in Ohio.

Waving hot-dog-covered hot dogs at Voinovich's front desk, Terra Sweeringen and Connie Stein said the franks represented opponents' views that Voinovich is a "weenie on waste" who refuses to stop construction of the incinerator. And grade-school math books and flashcards were left to help the governor calculate the state's capacity to burn waste.

Ohio EPA Director Donald Schreigard has said that the capacity figures compiled by his agency are inaccurate and that capacity cannot be reliably predicted.

Beth Newman of Greenpeace, second from left, and other waste incinerator critics brought a coloring book to Gov. George V. Voinovich's office yesterday. The coloring book portrayed Voinovich as a stick figure shaded yellow.

Beth Newman, a Midwest campaigner on toxic-substance issues for Greenpeace, praised Voinovich in a news conference yesterday for declaring a moratorium last week on any future hazardous-waste incinerators in Ohio, but she said he hadn't gone far enough. Voinovich took the action in response to protesters from East Liverpool and nearby communities in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, whom he once called "outsiders."

Newman said Ohio, with three commercial incinerators already on line, was still a dumping ground for other states. WTI is scheduled to open next year and will impinge about 70% of the waste it burns. When the plant is fully complete, with two kilns burning 175,000 tons of waste annually, Ohio will have 21% of the incinerator capacity in the nation, the EPA said.

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OUR GOVERNOR IN BED WITH TOXIC POLLUTERS $5$
Protesters ‘dog’ Voinovich

Connie Stein (left), Terri Swearingen and Mick Casey (right) wave wieners at a news conference Tuesday by Ohio Gov. George Voinovich in the Statehouse in Columbus. The three said the governor was "a wienie on waste" for his failure to oppose Waste Technologies Industries. (AP Photo)
Weiners Cause Walk Out

Voinovich Leaves After WTI Protest

By ROBERT E. MILLER
Associated Press Writer
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gov. George Voinovich on Tuesday walked out of his own news conference involving a Nov. 3 ballot issue as opponents of a hazardous-waste incinerator waved signs in the back of the room.

Swearingen, of the Tri-County Environmental Council, a Newnan of the Greenpeace Campaign, said he was meant to show that Voinovich "wants to keep waste." says he does not have a black eye on the issue. The governor and his Cabinet called a conference to urge a ballot issue 2, which is being labeled as "proving the worst for cancer and birth defects.

Protesters hot-dog it at Voinovich's event

By MIKE RUTLEDGE
Thomson News Service
COLUMBUS — Opponents of WTI Industries' hazardous waste incinerator, which was open this year, were calling for "hot dogs instead of waste.

They also crashed an afternoon news conference of Gov. George Voinovich, waving hot dogs to represent their contention that Voinovich is a "weenie on waste."

Voinovich skipped out early from the event in the governor's cabinet room and did not return. He and the directors of the state's departments of agriculture, development and health, as well as the director of the Environmental Protection Agency, were also there.

The governor has answered numerous questions on WTI, and Voinovich spokesman Mike Dawson said, "The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has answered numerous questions on WTI, in writing, on a daily basis."

"And we weren't going to participate in a side show with people waving hot dogs on their head," Dawson said.

Opponents have been vocal and active in their fight against the East Liverpool facility, which is designed to handle 30,000 tons of hazardous waste per year, the bank of the Ohio River hundreds of feet from this school.

Some opponents refer to EPA headquarters in Washington as being in a "hot dog" environment. Dawson said WTI opponents say they don't want the facility near their homes.

"They've been environmen
tially aware of Chester, Council of the week, they do more than just talk about it."

Weenie protesters disrupt Voinovich
To protest a hazardous waste incinerator in East Liverpool, Ohio, Becky Ammon, left, of East Liverpool and Terri Swearingen of Chester, W.Va., handcuffed themselves to three other activists in the director's office of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency yesterday. They were handcuffed inside metal tubes to keep officials from easily separating them. Story on Page 7C.
OHIO

COLUMBUS — Kids played “pin the brain on the governor” during parents’ protest of hazardous waste incinerator being built in East Liverpool. State is conducting study to document residents’ health status before startup. ...

CINCINNATI — Government
WTI foes go right to top
Protesters slip into office, get audience with EPA aide

From staff, wire reports
WASHINGTON — Neighbors of the Waste Technologies Industries incinerator project in East Liverpool, Ohio, sneaked up a back stairway into the Environmental Protection Agency’s headquarters Friday and demanded a halt to construction of the incinerator.

They stayed for about six hours, then left peacefully after an agency official promised to visit the incinerator in East Liverpool.

EPA spokesman John Kasper said the protesters entered the building through a back entrance and walked up to the 12th-floor office of EPA Administrator William Reilly, who wasn’t there.

A Greenpeace spokesman said the 13 demonstrators inside the building were: Chuck Smith of Negley, Ohio; Terri Swearingen and Neil Randolph of Ches-

“I think this citizen action says people are disgusted with the federal EPA and that it has no credibility.”
— Becky Tobin
Save Our County

said. The group left East Liverpool by bus at about midnight Thursday and entered Reilly’s office around 11 a.m. Friday.

There were no arrests, and Kasper described the protesters as “a very well-behaved bunch.”

The demonstrators moved to an 11th-floor conference room, where they met with EPA Assistant Administrator Lew

WTI opponents sit in the office of EPA Administrator William Reilly at the agency’s headquarters in Washington. After yesterday’s six-hour sit-in, the protesters left peacefully when a top EPA official promised to visit the site. This photo was provided by the protesters to the Associated Press.
July 21, 1992
Review

Gore calls for WTI probe

Senator: Incinerator is ‘unbelievable’ idea

From staff and wire reports

WEIRTON, W. Va. — Vice presidential candidate Al Gore says there should be a full investigation of the East Liverpool waste incinerator.

Gore, whose environmental credentials helped land him on the Democratic ticket, said at a weekend campaign stop that the incinerator is an “unbelievable” idea.

“This is deserving of a full-scale investigation of what has happened here,” Gore said.

The Tennessee senator and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton were asked about the plant outside a community center in Weirton. The local resident who posed the question said his father had escorted John F. Kennedy into the same building in 1960.

“Let me respond to this,” Gore said in an exchange that showed Clinton’s willingness to defer to his running mate on the environment.

“The very idea of putting this thing in a flood plain is just unbelievable to me,” Gore said of the Waste Technologies Inc. plant. “A lot of people really don’t know how high the stakes are.”

Gore criticized the environmental records of the Reagan and Bush administrations, saying they have done “nothing whatsoever.” He pledged that a Clinton-Gore White House would be different.

“We’ll have an environmental presidency to deal with these prob-

lems,” he said. “We’ll be on your side for a change.”

But WTI spokesman Julia Bircher said the remarks made by Gore are typical of people in office or running for office who do not have technical background backing up their statements.

“Most politicians react that way until they do a thorough review,” Bircher said.

Bircher noted that construction on the spray dryer at the plant is nearly complete and that “we are in the process of doing the commissioning and start-up activities related to the spray dryer.” She said (See GORE, Page 5)
Welcome to East Liverpool
the NO. 1 Toxic Waste Dump of the World
thanks to our state & local government

242 Ohio Valley Citizens
Arrested defending
their homes and families
against WTI and
Union Bank of Switzerland

Ohio

East Liverpool — Hazardous waste incinerator opponents say they’ll continue to face arrest in protests outside Waste Technologies Industries’ plant. 120 have been arrested in 10 days for trespassing and disorderly conduct. WTI will burn industrial byproducts, not radioactive waste at its Ohio River site, officials said.
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GORE ASKS FEDERAL WATCHDOG AGENCY TO INVESTIGATE OHIO INCINERATOR
With OH, WV, PA Lawmakers, Says Questions Must Be Answered
CLINTON-GORE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT ISSUE TEST BURN PERMIT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Serious questions concerning the safety of an East Liverpool, Ohio, hazardous waste incinerator must be answered before the plant may begin operation, Vice President-elect Al Gore said today (12/7), announcing that he and his colleagues from Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania are asking the General Accounting Office for a thorough investigation. And, Gore said, the new Clinton-Gore Administration would not issue the plant a test burn permit until those questions are answered.

"For the safety and health of local residents rightfully concerned about the impact of this incinerator on their families and their future, a thorough investigation is urgently needed. Too many questions remain unanswered about the impact of this incinerator and the process by which it was approved," said Gore, who is requesting the GAO investigation with Sens. Robert Byrd, D-WV, Jay Rockefeller, D-WV, John Glenn, D-OH, Howard Metzenbaum, D-OH, Harris Wofford, D-PA, and U.S. Rep. Alan B. Mollohan, D-WV.

Gore’s request follows efforts by the Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania lawmakers over several years to persuade government regulators to comply with state and federal environmental laws. Controversial issues relating to the legality of the federal permit, ownership of the corporation involved, health effects of lead and mercury emissions, construction standards, and facility location have consistently been downplayed or ignored by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Keeping his promise to local residents made during visits to the area in recent months, Gore had instructed his staff to conduct a preliminary investigation into the incinerator and questions that have been raised about its safety. Gore said

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STOP INCINERATION

Let's Improve Valley Env
Administration to Freeze Growth Of Hazardous Waste Incinicators

BY KEITH SCHNEIDER

WASHINGTON, May 17 — Reacting to protests about the burning of toxic chemical wastes in Ohio, Arkansas and over a dozen other states, the Clinton Administration plans to bar the development of new hazardous waste incinerators for 18 months.

The policy, developed under Carol M. Browner, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, calls for freezing the capacity of the nation's hazardous waste incinerators, forbidding them to burn more than the current level of roughly three million tons of chemical byproducts a year, E.P.A. officials said today.

Major issue in Ohio

There are 184 hazardous waste incinerators in the United States. Under the order, no new ones could be built unless old ones were closed. This would probably result in a temporary halt in the development and construction of new incinerators, the officials said, giving a agency the time to develop tougher health, safety and environmental requirements for existing plants.

The policy, which Ms. Browner is scheduled to describe at a news conference on Tuesday, would also require officials in the agency's regional offices to study much more carefully the effects of incinerator-caused air pollution on local food supplies. The issue arose last year in East Liverpool, Ohio, where the environmental group Greenpeace and some residents of the Ohio River Valley have been battling the owners of the nation's newest hazardous waste incinerator and the Government to close it down.

E.P.A. officials said the order was also meant to enforce a provision in the Federal hazardous waste law that requires manufacturers to reduce the amount of wastes to be incinerated. The approach, called source reduction, would eliminate the need for more incinerators and could prompt the closing of older units, said E.P.A. officials familiar with the plan.

Officials said the plan was aimed at the country's 20 commercial incinerators and at the 144 plants that burn hazardous wastes as fuel in cement kilns, boilers and industrial furnaces.

In December, Vice President-elect Al Gore announced that the new Administration would prevent the East Coast from opening new incinerators for the next five years, an EPA official said.

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INAPPROPRIATE LOCATIONS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

- Floodplains
- Groundwater (Aquifers)
- Earthquake Zones
- Karst Terrain (Rock, such as limestone, dolomite or gypsum)
- Unstable Terrain
- Unfavorable Weather Conditions (Air inversions that trap toxic pollution)
- Incompatible land use (Near sensitive populations such as schools and homes where human exposure is possible)
- Wetlands
WEB RESOURCES

• Greenpeace USA at greenpeaceusa.org

• World Watch Institute at worldwatch.org

• Grist Magazine at grist.org

• www.pollingreport.com/enviro.htm
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