

7/19/2021

Regarding the ADEC permit for STT, LLC for the Soil Remediation Unit

My family and I are strongly opposed to the Soil Remediation Unit to be placed in Nikiski by Soil Treatment Technologies, LLC . I do not understand why they chose to build the soil treatment plant in the middle of a residential area. There are over 5000 people in all of Nikiski. Within milemarkers 27 and 28 or so, there are around 50 people living in homes along the highway. We have lakes and wetlands under 6/10's of a mile away from the proposed site. We have a high school, bus stops, and over 80 homes very near the proposed site; within 1/2 a mile of the site. There are people with health issues, kids with 4 wheelers running right by the driveway. There is a clam processing site right next door, with a class A well. People are worried about water contamination of their wells. The water tables in the area are not very deep. There are worries about dust , vapors, and sulfur smell from the site itself, and from the trucks going back and forth to and from the site. There is always dirt falling from the backs of the dumptrucks, also. In the spring the snow melts in that site, causing a lot of standing water. We get a huge amount of snow during the winter. Four times more than Soldotna, 2 times more than Kenai. We are in a snow belt. What is the melt-off going to do to any contaminates on the ground? What about the dust causing the rainwater to become contaminated, soaking into the ground, and contaminating the wells & water aquifers that the wells are drawing the water out of? We have low lying areas that fill with wood smoke, dust from trucks, and fog, when the weather is right. We have bad wind storms throughout the year, with winds over 60 mph.

Between us and a neighbor, we have 20 acres of wetland down at the bottom of the hill from the site. We have sandhill cranes in the spring; loons; bear, moose, rabbits, and coyotes throughout the year coming into that wetland. There is an occasional bald eagle in the area also.

Why put the thing in a residential area? Why not somewhere that nobody lives? Also, nobody was asked or told about this at all. This should have been told to the people in Nikiski, and asked about, way back in March of 2021, BEFORE the company filed for a Stationary Source Permit!

Also, we were told by somebody, that the company wanted to get closer to OSK dock, because they wanted to ship contaminated soil from all over,



to burn here.

There are a lot of questions to be asked about this also. What about the dirt coming off the trucks during travel? What about dust monitors, air control monitors, well drilling on the 4 corners of the property to see where the water table lays? What about an upset of the soil remediation plant, where it would start leaking gasses? What then? It would be so close to houses and businesses that we would have contamination before it could be addressed.

We were told by DEC that they have aerial photos of the area, but nobody has been here to look at the location of the site, or the areas around it. That should be done immediately, before you decide anything else. I think it would be wise to do so. I spoke to Pete Campbell of the DEC in Soldotna on Friday 7/16. He did not even know where mile 27 1/4 was, or the clammy, or the site was. He did mention that he didn't know why they weren't burning the dirt on the site of the dirt contamination.

When I went to the meeting the company held, one of the guys said he spoke to the neighbors about the site. I asked the neighbors along the road, and there was only one person the company spoke to. The other neighbors said that nobody spoke to them, and they did not know what was going on. A lot of the neighbors do not have internet to be able to look into this. I will include their phone numbers at the end of this.

It seems they chose to get this permit passed at the busiest time of the year, with fishing, summer activities, vacations, etc.; so nobody would notice anything until they were already there.

Why didn't DEC investigate the area proposed, the surrounding areas, the amount of housing & businesses, the wind & weather conditions, the people and activities; before even allowing this company to proceed this far?

I love my community. I love living in Nikiski. I am very upset that our community was not asked about this site proposal before anything was done with it. DEC is here to protect our community. Why wasn't this thoroughly addressed in March, instead of letting it go through?