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I would like to point out that the Mountain View Sector Development Plan, part of a new Country Comprehensive plan, is in process and due for release soon. I urge you to at the very least, put this permit application on hold until this Plan is approved, as that process is involving extensive public input from the residents who have worked hard to settle and improve their properties and raise their children. Now is not the time to issue yet another permit to a private waste business that other communities with more economic power and affluence do not want to accept.

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