

## #2022-P-W-0008 public comment

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I am submitting this comment today because I completely against expanding the existing waste water treatment facility.

During the spring of 2020, a neighbor approached me and asked me if I got a water treatment system. I must have looked confused because he asked me if I had heard about the toxic sludge that Mountaire was dumping in the area. I said that I was not aware of this and asked him how I would have known. He said that a class action settlement was just reached but people had some time still to file and receive water treatment help. My neighbor gave me the information and I told him I would look into it.

Soon after that and just as I was returning full time after taking care Of my parents and other elderly relatives, I found myself in bed very sick. Sicker than I could ever remember.

I thought I must have Covid. I was burning up with fever and I couldn't get out of bed. The pain in the front and back of my abdomen was excruciating. I resigned myself to go get a Covid test.

I went to the Beebe walk in clinic in Millsboro, I signed in and declared that I had Covid. They did the nasal swab and it came back negative.

The doctor said that with the symptoms that I'm explaining, she wanted me to give a urine sample. So I complied and when she came back with the results, she said I had a severe kidney infection that I am possibly uroseptic. She said I needed to get right to the ER, because I could die from it.

At the ER, I had an emergency surgery to place a stint in to drain the infection. I stayed in the hospital and they told me that I would need to return and have it removed and have the kidney stone taken out.

All the while, the job that I had procured was no longer available.

When I had my follow up with the urologist, he was perplexed. He explained that most people either have one and none ever again or it is something that does reoccur. But that stones usually take 6-12 months to form again. But In my case, when he went back in, I already had several more stones formed around the stint.

It took several weeks to begin to feel better then I was down again in October with infection and stones and again in December. Basically I went from healthy to weak and sick for most of a year. I was unable to work on top of trying to recover financially from the pandemic.

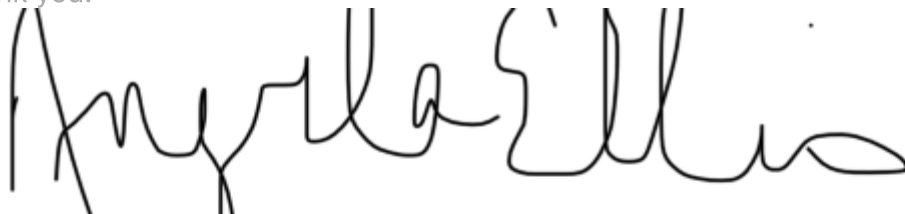
I found out that many of my neighbors suffered renal problems and that there is a lady less than half a mile away that suffered from the exact problem as me at the same time. So I applied to the class action settlement , hoping to get water treatment help.

However, I was told that my reason for filling late to the lawsuit was not good enough to receive help. Fortunately, I was gifted a whole house water treatment system I have not had any problems since it has been installed. And since I've been in this neighborhood, especially in the last several years, it has felt like I'm living in a war zone. People shoot guns in the woods behind my house and I have to worry about my kids or dogs in the yard. I've got what looks like a yellow crop duster constantly spraying just over the trees and landscape regardless of what is exists below and who knows what they are spraying. We should be able to live and not worry about the dangers being thrust upon us by big corporations and government.

So, yes by I am adversely against expanding the existing Wastewater treatments facility since it did not work in the first place.

We must have modern waste water treatment facilities that can withstand today's climate and most of all can't be abused by big corporations.

Thank you.



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