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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

la salud del pueblo de P.R. no tiene precio
y no hay riqueza monetaria que compre
y mantenga su felicidad.

Atentamente,

Dr. Sotomayor Rodriguez
j.a.sotomayor@gmail.com

23-Sept-2015.

Si: Secretario De Agricultura U.S.A.

Por este medio le solicito el cese y decista de la Construcción del incinerador que, piensan ubicar en el Pueblo de Arecibo.

Somos una isla muy pequeña y tenemos demasiada contaminación e incidencia de canceres a la mano.

Si seguimos así no tendremos generaciones futuras.

No les presten dinero no sean cómplice de ese genocidio a largo plazo.

Quedo Agradecido:
Si: Wilfredo Carmona HD,
Tef-1787-602-8347.

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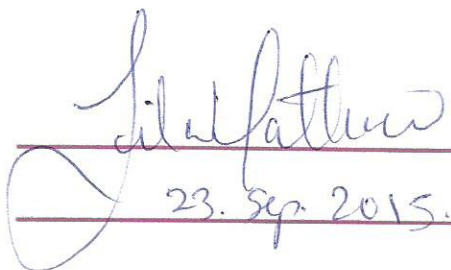
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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

causa daños a nuestros pueblos, familias y tierras.
Si han estudiado "Environmental Studies", podran entender
esos datos.

¡ No al Incinerador!
Dejen Limpia Nuestra tierra!

Atentamente,


23. Sep 2015.

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*Es muy dañino para la salud
de nuestro pueblo. Hay que
buscar alternativas saludables para
procesar nuestros desperdicios sólidos.*

Atentamente,

Roberto Silva Soto
HG 30, Box 36318
San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico
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Sr. Secretario de Agricultura

Me opongo a que le den financiamiento para el incinerador en Arecibo.

Martín Cruz Dávila
Angel C. Cruz Dávila

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

es dañino para la salud del pueblo
y contaminará nuestro suelo, aire y
agua.

Atentamente,

Donald Tillman Ocasio
Donald Tillman

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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

Es un daño enorme a la salud del pueblo de Arecibo, al ambiente y a la economía de nuestro país en general.

No quiero el incinerador, ni en Arecibo ni en ningún lugar del planeta. Tenemos que reducir, reciclar y rehusar y tener como objetivo basura cero.

Atentamente,

Plaidin Crespo -
Enfermera Graduada.

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*Es dañino al ambiente y
a la salud.*

Atentamente,

Carly
Juana Diaz, PR 00795

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Es dañino a la salud y afecta
el ambiente

Atentamente,

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existen otras mejores y más innovadoras alternativas que no afectan el ecosistema, ni la calidad de vida de los residentes alrededor. El dinero disponible debe usarse para explorar proyectos de energía alternativa y reciclaje.

Atentamente,

Waldemar Rivera Buitrago
por la Ab. Con. José L. Otero Camb

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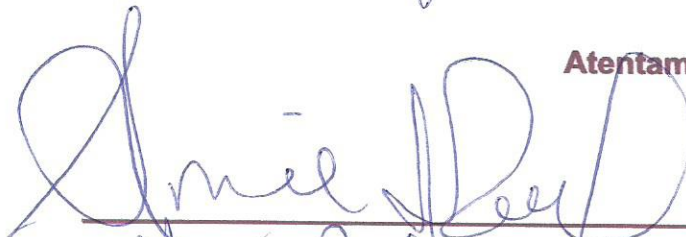
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Estimada senora McGee:

Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

- No representa salud para el pueblo
Sus emanaciones, incluyendo la crisis tóxica afectaría adversamente el aire, la tierra y el agua y por ende nuestra salud
- Representa una erogación de dinero y agua para los municipios lo cual afecta nuestra economía.
- La extracción de millones de galones de agua del caso Tiburones afectaría el ecosistema ^{y la agricultura} además de los abastecidos de Agua para satisfacer nuestras necesidades.

Atentamente,


Hc2 Port 15750
Arecibo PR.

A: Secretario de Agricultura U.S.A.


Nosotros, mi familia, nos
oponemos a este nefasto
proyecto de la construcción
de un incinerador de basura
en el pueblo de Arriba, porque
esto es dañino para la
salud ambiental y la
salud de los Ciudadanos.
Les pedimos que no
financien este proyecto!

Quinta Lebrón
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Ponce, P.R.
00730-4621

Estimada señora McGee.

23/9/15

Yo, Ricardo Mariani, me opongo a la construcción de la Incineradora de Arecibo dado que esto afecta contra el ambiente y la salud de los puertorriqueños. Le pido que por favor no acepte ese préstamo del Departamento de Agricultura para construir la incineración que Energy Annex propone.

Atte. 

email: r.mariani07@

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Hace daño a la Salud de nuestro
pueblo.

Atentamente,

Yvonne McGehee
Yvonne, R.

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*Es inconcebible que nuestra espacio terrestre,
aéreo, marítimo y suelo que nos sostiene continúe
siendo pretexto, botín y recurso de explotación
económica, capitalista y de todas las esferas que
como derechos inalienables poseemos. Condenamos
la presencia de los E.U en nuestra Tierra Patria
Puerto Rico. Los queremos fuera y lucharemos
hasta nuestra inexistencia física. Hasta la
Victoria, ¡ Viva Puerto Rico Libre!*

Atentamente,

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Por nuestra salud y la de los
demás y la contaminación de
de lo q nos da vida.

Atentamente,

Aniba Hebertas

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los efectos nefastos a nuestra tala, especialmente al ambiente.
Busque alternativas, pero ésta no es la respuesta.

Atentamente,

Mario E. Castelló Toro
UPR Cayey

23/sept./2015

Sr. Secretario de Agricultura;

Le pedimos encarecidamente su intervención en nuestros reclamos y nuestra oposición ante este incinerador de Arecibo, Nuestros niños, jóvenes, ancianos y nuestras personas que defendemos nuestro ambiente... Gases tóxicos y ~~residuos~~ a nuestros animales, nuestras cosechas por lo pedimos y nos oponemos.

Gracias

tolerar...

Nuestro país no lo puede

Larmon D. Rivera Margy
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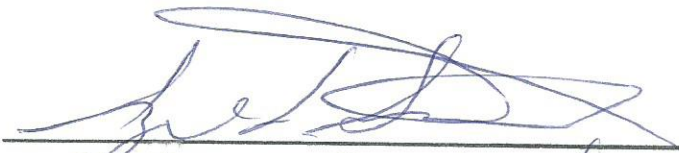
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Me opongo a que su agencia le autorice financiamiento a un incinerador porque:

*Atenta contra la seguridad de los
residentes del Area y contra la salud
de todos los ciudadanos. Suecbo.*

Atentamente,


R. G. Gordo (Per. 9/16)
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*Es muy dañino a la
salud de nuestros habitantes
y al medio ambiente*

Atentamente,

Graciela Ortiz Pagan

23 de septiembre del 2015

A: Sr. Secretario de Agricultura de E-U

De: Alma Noemí Armenteros Plá

Sr. Secretario de Agricultura de E-U

Sin agricultura no hay comida -
Sin comida, no podemos vivir -
Usted representa la vida. Una vida
saludable. Por esta razón me dirijo
a usted para que defienda el
derecho de personas, animales y flora
a vivir en un ambiente saludable
libre de contaminantes que produciría
el establecimiento de un incinerador.

Entiendo que hay alternativas para el
manejo de desperdicios orgánicos y
sólidos. Para los alimentos, podemos
convertirlos en composta o abono.
Los desperdicios sólidos como plástico,
neumáticos, vidrio, cartón, metales, etc.,
pueden ser reciclados y rehusados.
Ambas soluciones son viables y
generan incentivos económicos para el

gobierno y para el pueblo al generar empleos.

Espero que tome acción en favor del pueblo evitando el establecimiento del incinerador.

¡No al incinerador!

Gracias por su atención.
AA

Orlando Arufo

Dr. Sotomayor Rodríguez
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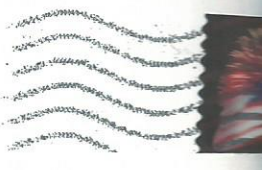
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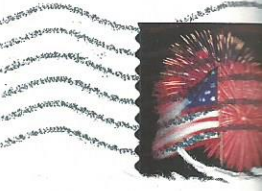
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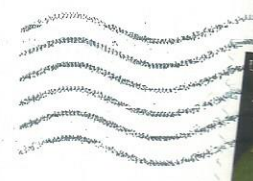
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From: [Eliza Llenza](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Documents to be included as supplementary material to my 8/20/2015 comments
Date: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:23:44 AM
Attachments: [2012.06.22.SeaGrantUPR.CartaOposiciónIncineradorArecibo.doc](#)
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I would like to have these documents included as part of the record for the RUS to consider when revising the Energy Answers Arecibo's Loan Application.

These documents include comments made during the EPA's public Hearings, and were never published, as promised, before the PSD permit was approved for the Incinerator, so that the community present at the hearings could learn the full opinion of experts and politicians who assisted the Public Hearings, which limited the time of each participant. The purpose of Public Hearings is precisely this, that people can hear what others have to say that may help them make a decision regarding the proposed project (Energy Answers Arecibo Incinerator).

I made reference to this in my comments at the RUS meeting.

Thank you,
Eliza Llenza
(787) 562-8222

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"No me preocupa el grito de los violentos, de los corruptos, de los deshonestos, de los sin ética. Lo que más me preocupa es el silencio de los buenos..."

Martin Luther King

"Un pueblo ignorante es un instrumento ciego de su propia destrucción".

Simón Bolívar

POR FAVOR.

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From: [Eliza Llenza](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Documents to submit to add to my 8/20/2015 Public Hearing Statements
Date: Friday, November 13, 2015 12:07:05 AM

Hi Lauren,
I wish to submit additional documents to be added to my statements at the public hearing celebrated in Arecibo 8/2/2015.
I will be forwarding the email that has these documents.
Thank you,
Eliza Llenza

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From: [Javier Biaggi](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Fed. EIS EA
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 11:45:55 PM
Attachments: [RUS_reply_2015.doc](#)

Dear Ms. Rayburn, please find the file with my comments to Fed. EIS of Energy Answers Trash Incinerator.

Thanks, Javier Biaggi

From: [Jhoset Burgos-Rodriguez](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: EIS Comments_ ANDA_ Arecibo Puerto Rico
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 10:57:30 PM
Attachments: [\(ANDA University of Puerto Rico Law Scool\) EIS Comments.pdf](#)

Hello Lauren McGee

I hope everything is going well. You can find the EIS comments for the Arecibo Waste to Energy Generation and Resources Recovery Facility from the ANDA University of Puerto Rico Law School Chapter. The file is in a pdf form.

Gracias,

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Dear Lauren McGee,

Attached our official comments to the Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement for the Arecibo Waste to Energy Generation and Resource Recovery Facility Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Please confirm receipt.

Thanks,

Soledad Gaztambide-Arandes
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Cc: [Mark Green](#); [Michael McNerney](#)
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Ms. McGee,

Please see attached our comments letter for the referenced DEIS process.

Regards,

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Saludos y bendiciones!

Adjunto Declaración de la Coalición Ecuménica e Interreligiosa de Puerto Rico sobre el Incinerador de Arecibo.
¡Gracias!

Rvdo. Heriberto Martínez Rivera
Coordinador
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PD: Favor de confirmar el recibo de este correo electrónico. ¡Gracias!

From: [Ted Zukoski, Earthjustice](#)
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Subject: 547 signers: USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico petition
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Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I started a petition to you titled [USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico](#). So far, the petition has 547 total signers.

You can post a response for us to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here: http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102651-custom-63988-20251112-UbYM5i

The petition states:

"USDA Rural Utility Service's proposal to fund Energy Answers' waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico is a waste of taxpayer money and makes no sense from either an economic or environmental perspective. According to the Energy Information Administration, waste incineration is the most costly form of energy production per unit of energy or power. The Arecibo project will deepen the financial crisis currently experienced by Puerto Rico's municipalities by forcing them to pay higher tipping fees and discouraging recycling and other more economic waste management methods. The proposed incinerator will also lock Puerto Rico—a place where wind and solar could generate more than 100 percent of electricity needs—into electricity from one of the most polluting methods of energy production per unit of energy. The proposed incinerator will emit lead in an area already in violation of the Clean Air Act's air quality standards for lead. The incinerator also will be a major source of all other criteria air pollutants. And the project will generate thousands of tons of potentially toxic incinerator ash each year. Energy Answers is now asking RUS to step in and make this terrible idea a reality. Don't waste my taxpayer dollars on this unwise investment!"

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Thank you.

--Ted Zukoski, Earthjustice

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Gracias.

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I hereby submit comments to the Energy Answers Arecibo request for financial assistance for an incinerator.

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Comentarios en relación a la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental Preliminar (DIA-P) (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) de Rural Utilities Services (RUS), Departamento de Agricultura Federal, para solicitud de “ayuda financiera” de incineradora de Energy Answers Arecibo

12 de noviembre de 2015

Buenas tardes. Mi nombre es Angel A González, soy médico especialista en Medicina Interna y en Medicina de Adicción y ex Presidente y miembro del CSPA del Colegio de Médicos Cirujanos de Puerto Rico y de la Coalición de Organizaciones Anti-Incineración de Puerto Rico (COAIPR).

El CSPA y COAIPR se oponen a que RUS conceda un préstamo o garantía de préstamo o cualquier otro instrumento de ayuda financiera al proyecto de incineración de Energy Answers en Arecibo.

Además, objetamos firmemente la calidad y el contenido de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental Preliminar preparada por el RUS/USDA y sus contratistas y la catalogamos como un trabajo mediocre, incompleto y además, en conjunto con otras objeciones del proceso de la DIA, en incumplimiento con los requerimientos de National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Adicionalmente denunciarnos que, a pesar de haberse sugerido a los contratistas en el proceso de “scoping” (o determinación del alcance que debía incluir la DIA), un número significativo de los issues que debía contener dicho documento, estos fueron ignorados, convirtiendo dicho proceso en una farsa.

En el expediente consta que el proceso de scoping fue denunciado como inapropiado y caótico por la inmensa mayoría de los/las asistentes y deponentes en la reunión del 28 de enero de 2015.

Sometemos el presente documento para que se tome en cuenta los siguientes asuntos en relación a la DIA final.

Oposición firme de los/las alcaldes/alcaldesas a este proyecto imposibilita capacidad de EAnswers de repagar cualquier ayuda financiera y debía hacer descartar de entrada la posible ayuda financiera a Energy Answers; se omitió convenientemente esto en el reporte de la reunión de scoping de la DIA-P: Tanto la Asociación como la Federación de Alcaldes de la isla, que agrupan la totalidad de los alcaldes del País, repetidamente han expresado su oposición al proyecto de Energy Answers. En sus comunicaciones, ambas organizaciones han denunciado la ausencia en la DIA-P de consideraciones de la capacidad de los presupuestos municipales de absorber el costo adicional que representaría el transporte y pago de los “tipping fees” a Energy Answers para la quema de sus desperdicios sólidos, declarando que este proyecto “es un fracaso seguro”. Ambas organizaciones sometieron declaraciones preliminares en la reunión del 20 de agosto

de 2015 en Arecibo oponiéndose tenazmente a la aprobación de un préstamo para Energy Answers. Con posterioridad, afirmaron que cuestionarán en los tribunales un contrato que firmó el gobierno central a través de la Administración de Desperdicios Sólidos (ADS) con Energy Answers y que obligaría a los municipios a llevar sus desperdicios a quemar. Este contrato fue objeto de análisis por el Departamento de Justicia del presente gobierno y determinó que violaba la ley de autonomía de los municipios y posiblemente hasta la Ley de Comercio Interestatal federal. Con esta incertidumbre de flujo de materia prima y consiguiente dificultad de facturación, es nuestra contención que sería una seria irresponsabilidad que la agencia RUS/USDA concediera un préstamo a esta corporación, que pondría en riesgo fondos públicos.

Hacemos mención específica a la siguiente sección de la ley que obliga a RUS a proteger los fondos públicos y resaltamos en negrillas y en amarillo este mandato:

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 USC §901 et seq.), generally authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make rural electrification and telecommunication loans, including specifying eligible borrowers, references, purposes, terms and conditions, and security requirements. RUS's agency actions include the following:

- Provide engineering reviews of the purpose and need, engineering feasibility, and cost of the Project
- Ensure that the Project meets the borrower's requirements and prudent utility practices
- **Evaluate the financial ability of the borrower to repay its potential financial obligations to RUS**
- Review and study the alternatives to mitigate and improve solid waste and electrical generation issue.
- Ensure adequate fuel supply and waste streams are available to meet the Project needs
- Ensure NEPA and other environmental requirements and RUS environmental policies and procedures are satisfied prior to taking a federal action

Los municipios también han denunciado las múltiples decisiones favorecedoras del proyecto de incineración que han hecho las agencias administrativas gubernamentales en perjuicio de la ciudadanía. La Junta de Calidad Ambiental (JCA) emitió directrices para cerrar un número de vertederos y obstaculiza la creación de nuevas celdas en estos aunque sean compatibles con la subsección D del Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) de 1976. A la misma vez, los incentivos y educación ciudadana que requiere un proyecto de reducción, reuso y reciclaje de la administración es nula, por lo que sale beneficiada la incineradora.

Escaso intento de promover participación ciudadana en la vista de la DIA-P el 20 de agosto de 2015:

Criticamos también que la RUS, en contravención al 7 CFR 1794.13 sobre "Public Involvement", convocó en horario irrazonable y duración sumamente limitada una reunión para insumo de la ciudadanía sobre la DIA Preliminar de este proyecto. Desaprovecharon esta convocatoria para interactuar significativamente con el público interesado, haciendo pensar que la reunión se hizo con propósitos cosméticos. Se convocó un *día de semana en horas laborables*, una reunión de *sólo 4 horas* y se concedieron turnos de *sólo TRES MINUTOS* a los/las deponentes. Si RUS/USDA piensa que esta es la forma de proveer oportunidad de participación ciudadana, en particular con un proyecto que ha levantado tanta oposición en el País, está muy equivocada. Hacemos referencia al texto del CFR, que nos parece que apoya nuestra perspectiva:

§ 1794.13 Public involvement

(a) In carrying out its responsibilities under NEPA, RUS shall make diligent efforts to involve the public in the environmental review process through public notices and public hearings and meetings

(5) Public hearings or meetings shall be held at reasonable times and locations concerning environmental aspects of a proposed action in all cases where, in the opinion of RUS, the need for hearings or meetings is indicated in order to develop adequate information on the environmental implications of the proposed action.

Presencia de guardias armados y perros anti-bombas: La presencia de guardias armados de Homeland Security, incluyendo un perro detector de bombas nos parece totalmente inadecuado e intimidante. El hecho de que en una pasada reunión de la Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) las arbitrariedades de aquella agencia provocaron la indignación y protesta del masivo público no justifica dicha presencia. A pesar de aquellas manifestaciones de protesta, los funcionarios de EPA nunca fueron amenazados física ni verbalmente. Tampoco los funcionarios del Departamento de Agricultura en la pasada reunión sobre "scoping" fueron amenazados, a pesar de que l@s asistentes estaban indignados por la falta de información y

rigurosidad que se dio en dicha reunión, lo cual sugiere lo inadecuado de la presencia de esta organización armada en estas reuniones.

Engaño de Energy Answers de que serían financiados por inversión privada: Los proponentes de este proyecto han engañado a la opinión pública con alegaciones de que la inversión de esta planta sería privada, pues han estado anunciando que no requerirían fondos estatales ni locales. Sin embargo, a nuestro parecer de forma oportunista, están solicitando fondos públicos de los contribuyentes vía esta solicitud de préstamo a RUS. Además, ellos se aprovecharían de exenciones contributivas estatales y otras ventajas que le reduciría la entrada de fondos al gobierno, lo que es otra forma de aprovecharse de fondos públicos.

Las ayudas financieras de RUS están diseñadas para infraestructura de zonas remotas rurales:

Cuestionamos que esta solicitud se esté haciendo bajo este programa de Rural Utilities Services o RUS, que está diseñado para proveer infraestructura a áreas rurales y remotas que no tienen dicha infraestructura, cosa que no ocurre en el área de Cambalache, Arecibo, dónde se pretenden establecer. Esta es una solicitud oportunista de esta empresa para aprovecharse, al parecer, de algún tecnicismo de la ley o reglamento de este programa. El RUS y el Departamento de Agricultura debía rechazarla.

El Departamento de Agricultura federal (USDA) estaría financiando una facilidad que pondría en riesgo la fuente agrícola más productiva de Puerto Rico, la industria lechera, yendo contra su misión principal: El corredor noroeste de Puerto Rico es el área de mayor concentración de fincas productoras de leche y ganado vacuno del País y quedaría vientos abajo de la megaincineradora. Véase el siguiente párrafo de la página de USDA *“We have a vision to provide economic opportunity through innovation, helping rural America to thrive; **to promote agriculture production** that better nourishes Americans while also helping feed others throughout the world; and to preserve our Nation's natural resources through conservation, restored forests, improved watersheds, and healthy private working lands.”*

Planta Energy Answers es incineradora disfrazada de proyecto de energía eléctrica: Además, esta incineradora se disfraza de una planta productora de energía eléctrica porque produciría 80 MW de energía eléctrica cuando su principal proceso es destruir, mediante la quema, una cantidad enorme de recursos presentes en los desperdicios sólidos municipales. Esta cantidad de energía es insignificante en comparación a cerca de 5,880 MW de capacidad productiva que tiene el sistema eléctrico puertorriqueño. Valga establecer que al presente sólo se están consumiendo unos 2,800 MW en la isla y que este consumo ha ido reduciéndose consistentemente durante los últimos años y no hay indicios de que pueda aumentar en el futuro previsible. Esto se debe a la reducción en la producción industrial de la isla, la significativa emigración de nuestra población a EEUU y la reducción del consumo de la población que permanece en la isla, entre otros factores. Nos parece engañoso que EAnswers pretenda presentarse como parte significativa de la *“diversificación de las fuentes de energía de PR”*.

Producción de energía entraría a la red general de la isla: En caso de que se construyera, la producción de esta planta incineradora entraría al grid general de la isla y se distribuiría a todo el sistema del País, no se podría alimentar sólo a los vecinos del área, cosa que también hace cuestionar si este proyecto es elegible para financiamiento por el RUS, ya que no es un proyecto que proveería energía para uso local. Adicionalmente, en el área de Cambalache existe ya una planta generatriz de energía eléctrica de la Autoridad de Energía Eléctrica (AEE) estatal, lo cual desmiente aún más la necesidad de este proyecto de E Answers.

Revela también su oportunismo el que se presenten ante el RUS como una productora de energía, ya que como infraestructura para manejos de desperdicios no sería elegible para esta asistencia financiera por ser una organización con fines de lucro. (7 CFR 1780.7).

Es la segunda vez que se propone una incineradora en Arecibo en la misma localización por el Sr. Mahoney: Este proyecto de incineración está siendo propuesto por segunda vez desde fines de los años 90. En ese entonces el abogado corporativo Luis Fortuño, estuvo al servicio de la compañía Covanta, cuyo presidente era el mismo señor Patrick Mahoney que es el actual presidente de E Answers.

La orden de “emergencia energética” del Lcdo Fortuño posibilitó que se obtuvieran permisos de agencias claves “fast-track”: El Lcdo Luis Fortuño, habiendo sido electo gobernador de la isla en 2008, facilitó la aprobación de la DIA de este proyecto mediante una orden ejecutiva que proclamó una “emergencia energética”, la cual impidió una adecuada evaluación de este proyecto tanto por la ciudadanía como por las agencias del Estado. Es por esta razón que entendemos que es muy poca la información fidedigna que se puede obtener de la DIA preparada en el 2010 por la Compañía de Fomento Industrial (PRIDCO por sus siglas en inglés). A pesar de que en la reunión de “scoping” se le sugirió a RUS que descartaran este documento, se utilizó extensamente para la presente DIA, lo cual nos decepciona y causa escepticismo sobre las razones para esto.

Cantidad de dinero solicitado: Aunque entendemos que la DIA no tiene que atender el asunto de la necesidad de financiamiento de este proyecto, no nos deja de preocupar las cantidades fluctuantes de dinero que alegadamente necesitaría Energy Answers para llevar a cabo su planta de incineración. Sus documentos iniciales hablaban de \$500 millones y recientemente, en sus anuncios, han mencionado la cifra de \$750-800 millones. Además, gran proporción de este dinero invertido no beneficiará la economía de PR pues va a ir a la compra de tecnología en el exterior, ya que la misma no está disponible en la isla.

Cantidad de empleos generados: ¿Cuál es el verdadero número de empleos que va a generar la etapa de construcción de este proyecto (aproximadamente 3 años, según los proponentes); inicialmente hablaron de 8,000 empleos y últimamente disminuyeron la cifra drásticamente a 4,000 empleos. La DIA debe explorar porque en una planta de 4,000 toneladas de Baltimore de esta misma compañía matriz, sólo auguran 400 empleos por año o 1,300 empleos en tres años, mientras para la de PR, que quemaría 2,100 toneladas, aseguran 10 veces esa cantidad. Véase el siguiente enlace:
(http://www.energyanswers.com/development/current_projects/fairfield_renewable_energy_project/index.php)

Reducción significativa de población de Puerto Rico: Las cifras de población que ha utilizado EA para justificar su proyecto son falsas. La disminución de nuestra población conlleva una importante disminución de producción de desperdicios sólidos en la isla. A esto también contribuye el envejecimiento de la población que permanece en la isla y la reducción en la actividad industrial debido al cese de industrias que se beneficiaban de ciertas secciones de las leyes contributivas que han sido abolidas en EEUU. La DIA de RUS no corrige esto.

Quemaría materiales de mayor potencial reciclable: Como es posible que se pueda considerar aceptable el quemar los residuos de plástico, papel, cartón, como estipula la DIA de este proyecto, cuando estos son los materiales con más potencial de reciclaje en nuestra jurisdicción.

Terreno a utilizarse es especialmente protegido: Discutir la clasificación de “suelo rústico especialmente protegido de uso agrícola” del área donde se localizaría la planta de EA, según el plan de uso de terrenos que se está considerando para adopción por la Junta de Planificación del ELA de PR.

Itinerario Dinámico de Desperdicios Sólidos: Esta propuesta es incompatible con el itinerario dinámico de la Autoridad de Desperdicios Sólidos (ADS), pues no respeta la jerarquía de dicho itinerario, lo cual es política pública vigente. ¿Cómo se justifica que se planifique que la tasa de reciclaje no aumente de 35% durante los 30-50 años de existencia del incinerador? Puesto que la caracterización de los desperdicios sólidos hecha por ADS en 2003 revela que el 93% de los desperdicios pueden ser separados y desviados de los vertederos e incineradores, ¿con qué materia prima se va a justificar un incinerador?

Generación de 500 toneladas de cenizas diarias, su transportación y entierro: ¿Dónde van a depositar las 500 toneladas de cenizas generadas diariamente (casi 200,000 toneladas cada año)? ¿Cómo las van a transportar y por cuales vías si fuera por carretera? ¿Cómo se va a evitar que las cenizas puedan volarse a las casas y propiedades cercanas a las carreteras por donde transiten estos cientos de camiones? ¿Qué contingencia va a haber en caso de que ocurra algún accidente de un camión y las cenizas se viertan al ambiente? ¿Cómo se evitará que las cenizas almacenadas en la planta, en caso de inundación, no sean arrastradas por la corriente, contaminando el río y los terrenos aledaños?

Prohibición de recibo de cenizas de incineradora en diversos municipios, como Peñuelas y Humacao, además de Vega Baja:

Vega Baja acaba de aprobar una ordenanza municipal el 10 de septiembre de 2015 prohibiendo recibir cenizas de la megaincineradora en todo su territorio. (<https://www.scribd.com/doc/284252096/Ordenanza-Cenizas-Vega-Baja>)

Flujo vehicular, emanaciones de los camiones: ¿Cuál sería el flujo vehicular para traer los desperdicios sólidos a la planta y para sacar las cenizas de la planta? ¿Cuál sería el impacto de las emanaciones de los camiones en esa área? Explíquese el flujo de las decenas de camiones que entrarán diariamente a la planta para traer desperdicios sólidos y los que llevarán cenizas al sitio de depósito y sus emisiones al aire debido a la quema de combustible diesel.

Incertidumbre de Contrato de Flujo de Desperdicios: Como van a asegurar los solicitantes flujo de desperdicios si se elimina el contrato que firmó la ADS con E Answers en 2015 obligando a los municipios a llevar sus desperdicios a incinerarse y al que se oponen todos y todas los/las alcaldes/alcaldesas. Valga clarificar que en la carta de recomendación inicial de la ADS sobre este proyecto, del 1 de noviembre de 2010, el entonces director de ADS, Sr. Ely Díaz Atienza, especifica el acuerdo de que EAnswers no requeriría seguridad de flujo de desperdicios sólidos para su proyecto, compromiso que, evidentemente, han violado.

Ya municipios derrotaron proyecto de ley que consolidaba la Corporación de Fomento Industrial y la Autoridad de Desperdicios Sólidos y que les quitaba el control de sus desperdicios: A fines del 2014, el gobierno central introdujo una propuesta de legislación que hubiera fusionado la ADS en la Corporación de Fomento Industrial. Esta última es, casualmente (¿?), la agencia “auspiciadora” del proyecto de Energy Answers. El proyecto resultó ser un intento del gobierno central de, por legislación, quitarle el control a los municipios de sus desperdicios sólidos y dárselo a dicha agencia, que hubiera facilitado obligar a los municipios a llevar sus desperdicios a la quemadora. Dicho intento ni siquiera fue considerado en el “floor” del Senado de PR por la intervención de los municipios con los/las legisladores/as.

Balance de masas: EA acepta que producirá de 400 a 500 toneladas de cenizas del total de 2100 toneladas de desperdicios sólidos que quemara diariamente. Explicar que ocurre con las restantes 1600 a 1700 toneladas de material que entran a quemarse, incluyendo las emisiones al aire.

Caracterización Química de emisiones al aire y producción de cenizas: Explicar qué composición química tendrían estas emisiones al aire, al igual que las cenizas. Clarificar que porcentaje de las emisiones al aire y las cenizas son compuestos desconocidos o no caracterizados químicamente.

Si justifican su construcción para eliminar los vertederos, y los vertederos continuarían causando problemas con sus lixiviados, cómo se explica que EA no propone hacer minería de los vertederos para disminuir su efecto dañino al ambiente y a la salud. Explicar cómo se evitara que el entierro de las cenizas del incinerador eventualmente produzca lixiviados y contamine el agua subterránea y el medio ambiente.

Diferencias entre planta SEMASS de Mass y Energy Answers Arecibo: Como se comparan una planta aislada en Massachusetts como la SEMASS, con escasos vecinos, de una planta en Arecibo, a solo 2 kms de una ciudad de 30,000 habitantes, con centros infantiles, head starts, escuelas, asilos, hospitales, centros de envejecientes, comercios, Iglesias y negocios visitados por miles de personas diariamente.

¿Importarán desperdicios sólidos del extranjero? ¿Se contempla la importación de desperdicios sólidos del exterior, lo cual no es mencionado en la DIA-P? Esto ya ocurre en países escandinavos que no producen los suficientes desperdicios para justificar su incineradora.

Mención de data incompleta de plomo de monitores de área de Cambalache: Refutamos la afirmación de que los datos de medidas de plomo en el área de Cambalache revelan que se ha venido reduciendo la contaminación con plomo desde hace 3 años. El examen de uno de los monitores por internet niega que esta

tendencia sea tan prolongada (http://www3.epa.gov/airdata/ad_rep_mon.html).

Además, agregamos que las recomendaciones de los niveles de plomo “seguros” para la salud, especialmente en la niñez, continuamente han estado siendo reducidos por los organismos expertos, como el Centro de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades (Center for Disease Control and Prevention or CDC). El plomo es fuente de retraso mental, enfermedad renal y neurológica, anemias y otras serias enfermedades, en particular en edades tempranas de la vida y en el embarazo.

Contingencia en caso de fuego descontrolado: SEMASS tuvo un fuego que duró 3 días y necesito los servicios de decenas de unidades de bomberos de los alrededores y mantuvo enclaustrados en sus casas a los vecinos debido a las emisiones tóxicas por varios días; se debe evaluar esta posibilidad en Arecibo y planificar esta contingencia adecuadamente, lo cual no pudimos detectar en la DIA-P.

Estudio Socioeconómico de Estudios Técnicos no fue puesto al día: El estudio socioeconómico de Estudios Técnicos no fue reevaluado dados los cambios demográficos de nuestra isla desde el 2010.

Estudio ARCADIS sobre efectos en la salud de las cenizas: El estudio de los consultores ARCADIS deben incluir los efectos en la salud de las cenizas, el cual es sumamente deficiente.

Contingencia en caso de análisis de cenizas resultar tóxicas: ¿Cuál sería el sitio a remitirse las cenizas en el exterior si estas resultaran ser tóxicas? (deben tener un contrato vigente antes de comenzar la construcción para evitar que se repita y empeore el problema de las cenizas de la planta de carbón de Guayama). Si se descarta la prueba TCLP, que muchos científicos catalogan como inapropiada para medir toxicidad de estas cenizas, y se adopta otra prueba que determine que las cenizas son tóxicas, ¿quien se hará cargo del costo de transportación al extranjero?

Cuestionamos la afirmación de que las partículas ultrafinas o nanopartículas pueden ser reguladas mediante la regulación de los PM 2.5: La información existente desmiente que dichas partículas sean contenidas por los filtros y otra tecnología disponible al presente. Recientemente el director de la oficina del Caribe de EPA, José Font, admitió esto. (<http://diariodepuertorico.com/2014/11/epa-se-reafirma-en-correccion-de-su-informe-sobre-incinerador-de-basura-en-arecibo/>).

Suplido de agua: El Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (DRNA) le denegó la franquicia de 2.1 millones de galones de agua diarias del Caño Tiburones a EAnswers para sus procesos. (<https://www.scribd.com/doc/279235047/Denegatoria-DRNA-Agua-a-EA>) Sin embargo, la DIA-P la incluye como que dicha franquicia está concedida. Si la fuente alterna de agua va a ser la Autoridad de Acueductos y Alcantarillados (AAA), ¿cómo se va a mitigar la carencia de agua de 5,250 familias que se quedarían sin suministro?

Riesgos de salud de los trabajadores: Especificar los riesgos de salud asociados con los trabajadores de estas plantas. Incluir las evaluaciones iniciales y periódicas que requerirían de los trabajadores de esta planta para prevenir y detectar tempranamente enfermedades asociadas a este trabajo. Hay que profundizar en los riesgos de los trabajadores de esta planta en la etapa de operación pues sólo se cubrió muy superficialmente.

Riesgos a la industria lechera: Incluir los riesgos de contaminación de la industria lechera que queda vientos abajo de la planta (Arecibo, Hatillo, Camuy). ¿Cuáles son las medidas de contingencia y responsabilidad en casos de demostrar contaminación por dioxinas del ganado vacuno y sus productos? Deben hacer una determinación inicial de grado de contaminación por dioxinas y plomo de alrededores de la planta, por una institución independiente y de reputación. La contratación no debe ser por E Answers. Debe incluir la bioacumulación de las dioxinas y sus efectos agudos y crónicos.

Caso de fracaso financiero: Incluir los riesgos de fracaso financiero y quiebras de este proyecto, similar como ocurrió en Harrisburg, PA hace unos años y parcialmente en Detroit, MI hace un año y medio. En caso de quiebra, ¿quién se queda con la deuda? ¿Acaso los contribuyentes?

Ausencia de insumo de agencias clave en este documento:

1. Se debe solicitar participación de expertos del gobierno que puedan aportar su conocimiento para evaluar este proyecto, entre otros:
 - a. Departamento de Salud
 - b. Departamento de Agricultura
 - c. Departamento de Transportación y Obras Públicas
 - d. Autoridad de Carreteras
 - e. AEE
 - f. AAA
 - g. DRNA
 - h. JCA
 - i. Junta de Planificación
 - j. Departamento de la Energía
 - k. Autoridad de los Puertos
 - l. Departamento de Bomberos
 - m. Instituto de Cultura
 - n. Departamento del Trabajo.

Ausencia de análisis de “combustibles alternos” causantes de problemas ambientales adicionales: Tres de los “combustibles alternos” que se menciona que podrían usarse en la megaincineradora tienen ciertas propiedades que representan preocupaciones ambientales adicionales a los desperdicios sólidos domésticos. Estos combustibles son Automobile Shredded Residue (ASR), Processed urban wood waste (PUWW) y el Tire derived fuel (TDF). La DIA no tiene información detallada de las contribuciones de estos materiales a la composición de las cenizas y de las emanaciones aéreas.

Shutdown, Startup, disfunciones: La explicación de ARCADIS sobre las emisiones en los periodos de shutdown, startups y disfunciones es sumamente limitada en la DIA del 2010 y amerita que se estudie y se explique con amplitud.

Muchas gracias.

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From: [Eric Abreu](#)
Subject: Arecibo Waste to Energy
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 2:51:17 PM
Attachments: [Ponencia - 12 nov 2015 - Arecibo - RUS \(TCLP y los límites de umbral de agua potable\).doc](#)

Estimada Sra. McGee,

Por favor ver el anejo para nuestros comentarios a la propuesta del incinerador que pretenden financiar con fondos del gobierno de E.E.U.U.

Saludos

From: igvivi@aol.com
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Comments on DEIS and reqes for funding by EA
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 2:42:31 PM
Attachments: [Ponencia RUS Nov. 10, 2015.pdf](#)

Dear Ms McGee:

Please find enclose our comments regarding the request for funds by EA for the proposed Waste-to Energy project at Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

SOPÍ does not approve a favorable decision by RUS to EA petition.

Respectfully,

Israel Guzmán
Presidente
Junta SOPÍ

From: [Joyce Stanley](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: **** CORRECTION *****Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Energy Answers Arecibo Waste-to-Energy Recovery Project - ER 15-0449
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 1:57:55 PM
Attachments: [Energy Answers Arecibo Waste-to-Energy Recover Project - ER 15-0449.doc](#)

Please disregard previous comments and accept the attached. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Thanks,

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From: [Artemio Camacho](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#); [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: comentarios al RUS sobre la declaración de impacto ambiental preliminar de energy answers Arecibo para el financiamiento del incinerador
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 1:54:19 PM
Attachments: [incinerador 2.docx](#)

From: [Hurtado, Rafael](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Public Comment from Congressman Luis V. Gutiérrez
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 1:53:39 PM
Attachments: [Rep Gutierrez Arecibo Public Comment 11-11-15.pdf](#)

Lauren,

Attached is a public comment from Congressman Luis V. Gutiérrez. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,
-Rafael

From: [Peter Delgado](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC; josedelgadopr@gmail.com](#)
Cc: [Zoila Rivera; peterdelgadopr@gmail.com; inezdelgadopr@yahoo.com; satitadepr; chaito1937@yahoo.com; isolabellapr@yahoo.com; Iran Delgado; isolabellapr@yahoo.com; Mirna Delgado; Tatiana Acevedo; bettelec@yahoo.com](#)
Subject: Arecibo Waste to Energy Generation.
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 12:26:45 PM

Dear Lauren,

As per the information presented for the WTE plant. I, my family and neighbors totally **REJECT** the installation of this plant in Arecibo or Puerto Rico. We would rather focus on a system that recycles for the entire Island. We believe that an incinerator is not appropriate for our Island or any other country due risk of contaminating water, air and land. Arecibo is still trying to recover from companies that have already contaminated our city in which we are still trying to clean. The EPA or JCA don't have the tools or resources to constantly monitor our environment for pollution or mishandled waste for example ashes. Also please take into consideration global warming and other factors triggered by this and other businesses requesting loans only for their profit. We welcome any investment made by companies headed for recycling and keeping our water, air and lands clean. Please keep in mind the health of our Puertoriquens and children. After a plant of this magnitude is installed there is no turning back.

Thank You,

Peter Delgado

From: [Pedro Saade Llorens](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Fwd: COMMENTS
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 11:15:01 AM
Attachments: [commnets to draft environmental impact statement 12 nov 15.doc](#)

Dear Ms.McGee:

Please find enclosed our Amended Comments to the Draft EIS , related to the Energy Answer project. These Amended Comments substitute the Comments submitted on Nov.10, 2015, please confirm receipt, thank you.

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From: **Elimar Sabat** <esabatderecho@yahoo.com>
Date: 2015-11-12 11:48 GMT-04:00
Subject: COMMENTS
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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 11:06:06 AM

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From: [NEMRAC NAGAP](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#); [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Cc: [Sierra ClubPR](#); [Myrna Conty](#)
Subject: RE: Letter against Rus giving fuds to EA incineration project in Arecibo Puerto Rico
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 8:55:47 AM
Attachments: [CARTA-RUS--NO AL INCINERADOR-01.docx](#)

Dear Lauren Mcgee,

I am against the RUS give money to the Energy Answer incineration project in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. This incineraton is risk for health and security of the neighbours of the county. A complete letter is attached to this message. Please respose when you receive this message. This is the second time that I submmited the letter because I haven't received confirmation before. Thanks for your attention.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Carmen J. Pagán

From: [Daniela Bress](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 8:10:01 AM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Carlos J Rodriguez Sierra](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Cc: [Imar Mansilla Rivera](#); [Cruz M Nazario Delgado](#); [Carlos J Rodriguez Sierra](#)
Subject: INCINERATOR IN ARECIBO-PUERTO RICO
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 8:02:58 AM

Dear Ms. McGee:

Enclosed our comments OPPOSING the proposed Arecibo waste to energy generation and resource recovery facility in Arecibo-Puerto Rico by Energy Answer Arecibo, LLC.

Cordially,

Carlos

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From: [Orlando Diaz](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Re: Arecibo Waste to Energy Generation and Resource Recovery Facility in Arecibo, Puerto Rico - RUS Draft EIS, Comment Period Extension
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 10:29:44 PM

Aresibo was prosperous town in the 90, but hurricane GEORGE IN 1999, change everything. It has become a ghost town. A small town in Puerto Rico is more prosperous and pleasurable than Aresibo to live in. Like the towns of Hatillo or Barceloneta, two towns in between of Aresibo, how could this be. My family used to have a small business since 1978-2008 in Aresibo. I pay my mortgage thanks to that business and I live in ARESIBO around five miles from the ash of the proposed incinerator, because the wind comes from east to west just like all the town of ARESIBO. I AM AGAINST THIS INCINERATOR JUST LIKE THE MAJORITY OF ARESIBO. THE PROBLEM IS THAT PUERTO RICO ENVIRONMENT AGENCY HAS NOT INFORM THE REAL DANGER OF THE INCINERATOR, BECAUSE THEY ARE IN FAVOR, BECAUSE THEY DON'T CARE OF ARESIBO. And the solution of our mayor of ARESIBO TO fix our economic problems is an incinerator, no matter the health problems this causes. Please do not approve this loan. Thank you.

On Mon, Sep 14, 2015 at 9:22 AM, McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC <Lauren.McGee@wdc.usda.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Energy Answers Arecibo LLC's (Energy Answers) proposed Waste to Energy Generation and Resource Recovery Project (Project) in the Cambalache Ward of Arecibo, Puerto Rico in August 2015. A copy of the document can be downloaded from the agency's website at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/environmental-studies/impact-statements/arecibo-waste-energy-generation-and-resource>. Based on public requests, RUS has extended the written comment period deadline by an additional 45 days to November 12, 2015. A notice will appear in the Federal Register this week.

Thanks,

Lauren McGee Rayburn

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From: [Carlos M. Garcia](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Financiamiento RUS Incinerador de Basura Energy Answers en Arecibo, Puerto Rico
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 9:42:55 PM

Mrs. Lauren McGee
US Department of Agriculture

Estimada Sra. McGee:

El propósito de comunicarme con ustedes es para expresarle que me opongo con todas las fuerzas de mi espíritu a la propuesta construcción de un incinerador de basura en el Barrio Cambalache de Arecibo por la compañía Energy Answers. Aprovecho esta comunicación para advertirles que el el Servicio de Utilidades Rurales (RUS por sus siglas en inglés) del Departamento de Agricultura Federal de los Estados Unidos (USFDA) no debe invertir un solo centavo de las contribuciones de los ciudadanos americanos en este infernal y nefasto proyecto. De hacer caso omiso a mi advertencia y proceder a otorgarle a Energy Answers el financiamiento que solicita, por encima de la oposición de nuestro pueblo, sepan que van a perder el más mínimo centavo que inviertan en ese proyecto.

¿Por qué les digo que van a perder el más mínimo centavo si le otorgan el financiamiento que solicita Energy Answers? Van a perder el más mínimo centavo que inviertan en este proyecto porque este proyecto no se va ha llevar a cabo. No se va llevar a cabo porque el pueblo no lo va a permitir.

Con este proyecto, la compañía criminal que es Energy Answers, pretende amenazar la salud y la vida misma de nuestro pueblo, lanzando al ambiente miles de toneladas de contaminantes tóxicos. Nosotros, el pueblo de Arecibo y el pueblo de Puerto Rico no vamos a permitir que estos canallas se salgan con la suya y amenancen nuestra vida.

Vamos a defendernos con garras y dientes. Haciendo uso de nuestro legítimo derecho a la defensa propia y de nuestras familias, vamos ha hacer todo lo que tengamos que hacer para evitar que ese proyecto se realice. Vamos a utilizar todas las estrategias de lucha que sean necesarias para detenerlo, sin descartar ninguna, incluyendo la desobediencia civil entre otras.

Si los canallas de Energy Answers y sus cómplices canallas tanto del gobierno federal (el gobierno de Estados Unidos) y el gobierno de Puerto Rico insisten en que este proyecto se realice sepan que va ha haber confrontación con el pueblo. No nos vamos a quedar cruzados de brazos para ver como la salud y la vida de nuestros hijos se deteriora.

El RUS tiene ante sí una gran oportunidad de asumir una posición sensata y denegar el financiamiento solicitado por Energy Answers. Pero si decide unirse a los canallas y otorga el financiamiento, entonces serán cómplices del daño que se le quiere hacer a nuestro pueblo. Serán también responsables de lo que pase en nuestro

pueblo.

Por favor, pongan el oído en tierra, **NO OTORGUEN EL FINANCIAMIENTO A ENERGY ANSWERS.**

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
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Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 9:23:29 PM

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From: [Anita Sachanska](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 8:39:26 PM

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From: [Oswaldo Rosario](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Cc: pedrosaade5@gmail.com; [Myrna Conty](#)
Subject: PRESENTATION AT PUBLIC HEARINGS
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 5:31:17 PM
Attachments: [MODIFIED PRESENTATION TO RUS OCT2015.doc](#)

Ms McGee,

Enclosed please find the presentation that I made at the public hearings held in Arecibo, Puerto Rico for the proposed incinerator plant.

Oswaldo Rosario
Professor
University of Puerto Rico

From: [Anita Youabian](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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From: [EUNICE SANTANA MELECIO](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Public Hearing: Arecibo, sept 24
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 2:56:16 PM
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Enclosed statement prepared but not presented due to time.

From: [Ruth Santiago](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 2:53:43 PM

Dear Ms. McGee,

Comite Dialogo Ambiental, Inc. has worked for years on the issue of coal ash and coal combustion residuals and disposal in Puerto Rico. For reasons similar to the problems posed by coal ash, we object to the proposed incinerator in Arecibo. Public policy in Puerto Rico establishes the hierarchy of methods for the management of solid waste to prioritize the reduction, reuse, recycling and composting of discarded materials. The incineration of solid waste generates huge amounts of ash that has been estimated at 30% of the weight of the original materials or 40-50% of the volume of compacted waste. The ash from incineration contains high concentrations of heavy metals and dioxins. The deposit of ash in landfills involves leaching of metals from the ashes to underground water bodies even in the presence of liners.

Cordially,

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 2:52:38 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Neville Bruce](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 10:48:36 AM

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jonathan Evans](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Cc: vbogdantejeda@endangeredearth.org
Subject: Arecibo Waste to Energy Draft EIS comments
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 8:05:15 PM
Attachments: [2015-11-10.CBD.Arecibo WTE EIS comments.pdf](#)

Good evening Ms. McGee Rayburn,

Please find the attached comments on the Arecibo Waste-to-Energy and Resource Recovery Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement. A hardcopy with exhibits is being sent via FedEx.

Please place us on the notice list for any future environmental documents or decisions related to this Project.

Thank you,

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Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 5:55:45 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Elizabeth Pena](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:05:59 PM

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From: [Pedro Saade Llorens](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Fwd: COMENTARIOS
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:02:07 PM
Attachments: [commnets to draft environmental impact statement.pdf](#)

Dear Ms.McGee:

Please find enclose the Comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Statemnet related to the Energy Answer Arcibo,LLC project in Arcibo, by the UPR Environmental Law Section and PR Legal Services,Inc.

From: [Ivette Delgadi](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 92nd signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:40:12 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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My additional comments are:

el Incinerador afectará no sólo un pueblo, afectará el país de Puerto Rico completo.
Protégenos por favor.

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From: [Ted Zukoski, Earthjustice](#)
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From: [Michelle Campi](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 91st signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:38:15 PM

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My additional comments are:

Invest money in recycling facilities for Puerto Rico instead! PLEASE!! We need to recycle here!!

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From: [Marla Torrado](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 89th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:32:25 PM

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My additional comments are:

As a PhD student in Planning, and Puertorrican, I strongly oppose the an investment of an incinerator in Arecibo. It will only create more problems, environmentally and socially, in the future that can be prevented now!

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My additional comments are:

Department of Agriculture of USA should not encourage or support Energy Answer in this action. People of Arecibo, Utuado, Jayuya, Barceloneta, Lares, Manati and other municipalities around the propose waste incinerator will be affected directly.

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Marisol Davila
Utuado, PR

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From: [Miguel Sarriera](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 87th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:23:27 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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My additional comments are:

Don't use taxpayers' money to promote more global warming

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From: [Fatma Öncü](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:13:12 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I am writing to urge you to reject federal funding for Energy Answers' proposed waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service should not set a precedent of supporting environmentally destructive projects when there are cleaner and greener ways to deal with Puerto Rico's waste-disposal problems. USDA should instead encourage projects that provide more jobs and put Puerto Rico on track for a healthier future, such as increased recycling and composting services for residents and businesses.

The new incinerator would draw more than 2 million gallons of water each day from the Caño Tiburones nature reserve, Puerto Rico's largest wetland, and return the water as polluted discharge and steam containing dangerous chemicals such as dioxins, furans and mercury. The environmental review failed to examine the precise locations of this discharge as well as the harms from air-pollution fallout on Caño Tiburones. Nearby wildlife will also be harmed by the plant's blow-away trash, 24/7 operations, 400 daily tons of toxic ash, thousands of dropoff trucks and proposed floodplain modifications. The environmental assessment did not address these problems or their impacts on the area's 21 federally protected species, including the Puerto Rican parrot, leatherback sea turtle and hawksbill sea turtle. A formal Endangered Species Act consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service was never done.

In short, burning city waste won't make the area's problems disappear. The incinerator would cause significant environmental harms and threaten human wellbeing in an area already violating the Clean Air Act's standards. USDA should support sustainable solutions, require the consideration of non-incineration alternatives, and not spend taxpayer dollars on this polluting, for-profit venture.

Sincerely,

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DE

From: [Joyce Stanley](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Energy Answers Arcibo Waste-to-Energy Recovery Project - ER 15-0449
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:08:58 PM
Attachments: [Energy Answers Arcibo Waste-to-Energy Recover Project - ER 15-0449.doc](#)

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From: [Ibette delgado](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 54th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 2:13:30 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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My additional comments are:

Don't kill US!

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Ibette delgado
Arecibo, PR

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From: [Madeline](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 52nd signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 2:13:19 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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My additional comments are:

Please help PUERTO RICO !!

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Madeline
San Juan, PR

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From: [Eric linn](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 47th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 2:13:17 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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My additional comments are:

Stop this as funding is needed for clean air

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Eric linn
Rincon, PR

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From: [Julio Munoz](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 49th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 2:13:14 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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My additional comments are:

No Waste Incinerator for Paradise!

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From: [Carlos J. Rodríguez-Sierra](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 40th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:44:25 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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My additional comments are:

Zero Waste es la que hay

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From: [Jim Crotty](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 35th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:40:12 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

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My additional comments are:

Clean, cost-effective renewable energy is what is needed here in Puerto Rico, not the Arecibo incinerator.

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From: Webmaster@upr.edu
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#); [Blanca Mabel Roldán-Plumey](#)
Subject: Fwd:
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Blanca M. Roldán-Plumey

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From: [Evelyn moreno](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 27th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:31:24 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled [USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico](#). So far, 28 people have signed the petition.

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The petition states:

"USDA Rural Utility Service's proposal to fund Energy Answers' waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico is a waste of taxpayer money and makes no sense from either an economic or environmental perspective. According to the Energy Information Administration, waste incineration is the most costly form of energy production per unit of energy or power. The Arecibo project will deepen the financial crisis currently experienced by Puerto Rico's municipalities by forcing them to pay higher tipping fees and discouraging recycling and other more economic waste management methods. The proposed incinerator will also lock Puerto Rico—a place where wind and solar could generate more than 100 percent of electricity needs—into electricity from one of the most polluting methods of energy production per unit of energy. The proposed incinerator will emit lead in an area already in violation of the Clean Air Act's air quality standards for lead. The incinerator also will be a major source of all other criteria air pollutants. And the project will generate thousands of tons of potentially toxic incinerator ash each year. Energy Answers is now asking RUS to step in and make this terrible idea a reality. Don't waste my taxpayer dollars on this unwise investment!"

My additional comments are:

No al prestamos, no hay credito.

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Evelyn moreno
San Juan, PR

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:29:21 PM

Dear Ms. Lauren McGee-Rayburn,

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The area around Arecibo is already suffering as a result of high lead levels from existing manufacturing and waste (battery) recycling facilities, and the addition of a massive solid waste incinerator would only add to the burden of these communities. There are better ways for Puerto Rico to address its solid waste issues, but incineration is not one of them.

In addition, Puerto Rico is currently suffering a severe and sustained drought and the required two million gallons of water needed daily to operate this facility would only further stress the island's water resources.

The Rural Utilities Service should not be in the business of financing these polluting facilities. Please reject Energy Answers' Environmental Impact Statement for a loan application for the proposed waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,

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From: [Angel González,MD](mailto:Angel.Gonzalez@MD)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](mailto:McGee.Rayburn@RD)
Subject: I'm the 23rd signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:27:10 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled [*USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico*](#). So far, 24 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

Dept of Agriculture financing a project that would menace the Puerto Rico dairy industry. How would you expulsión that?

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Angel González,MD
Caguas, PR

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From: [Javier Caicedo](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 20th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:24:31 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled [USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico](#). So far, 21 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

No to the incinerator!!!!

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Javier Caicedo
Newark, NJ

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:19:07 PM

Dear Ms. Lauren McGee-Rayburn,

Waste incinerators are notoriously dirty; through their air and ash pollution, waste incinerators spread mercury, lead, dioxins, arsenic, cadmium, acid gas, carbon dioxide, particulate matter, and many other harmful emissions.

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In addition, Puerto Rico is currently suffering a severe and sustained drought and the required two million gallons of water needed daily to operate this facility would only further stress the island's water resources.

The Rural Utilities Service should not be in the business of financing these polluting facilities. Please reject Energy Answers' Environmental Impact Statement for a loan application for the proposed waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Corby
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518-398-0866

From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:16:57 PM

Dear Ms. Lauren McGee-Rayburn,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Peter Delgado](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: I'm the 7th signer: "USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:02:15 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled [USDA: Don't waste taxpayer money on a waste incinerator in Puerto Rico](#). So far, 8 people have signed the petition.

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The petition states:

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My additional comments are:

Don't waste my money to contaminate our island and contribute on global warming. No and stop the waste plant!

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Peter Delgado
Arecibo, PR

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:42:45 AM

Dear Ms. Lauren McGee-Rayburn,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Ken Currie](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:12:37 AM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I am writing to urge you to reject federal funding for Energy Answers' proposed waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service should not set a precedent of supporting environmentally destructive projects when there are cleaner and greener ways to deal with Puerto Rico's waste-disposal problems. USDA should instead encourage projects that provide more jobs and put Puerto Rico on track for a healthier future, such as increased recycling and composting services for residents and businesses.

The new incinerator would draw more than 2 million gallons of water each day from the Caño Tiburones nature reserve, Puerto Rico's largest wetland, and return the water as polluted discharge and steam containing dangerous chemicals such as dioxins, furans and mercury. The environmental review failed to examine the precise locations of this discharge as well as the harms from air-pollution fallout on Caño Tiburones. Nearby wildlife will also be harmed by the plant's blow-away trash, 24/7 operations, 400 daily tons of toxic ash, thousands of dropoff trucks and proposed floodplain modifications. The environmental assessment did not address these problems or their impacts on the area's 21 federally protected species, including the Puerto Rican parrot, leatherback sea turtle and hawksbill sea turtle. A formal Endangered Species Act consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service was never done.

In short, burning city waste won't make the area's problems disappear. The incinerator would cause significant environmental harms and threaten human wellbeing in an area already violating the Clean Air Act's standards. USDA should support sustainable solutions, require the consideration of non-incineration alternatives, and not spend taxpayer dollars on this polluting, for-profit venture.

Sincerely,

Ken Currie
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California, CA 91306
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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 7:17:58 AM

Dear Ms. Lauren McGee-Rayburn,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Ela Cruz](#)
To: tephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov; [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Comments to the Energy Answers EIS
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 6:40:54 AM
Attachments: [COMENTARIOS RUS CIUDADANOS DEL KARSO .pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Strength,

Attached our comments to the EIS for the incinerator plant. The proposed document lacks of information much needed for the accurate analysis of the possible environmental and health impacts and also contains mayor errors that must be corrected.

Thank you for your attention,

Ela M. Cruz - Nazario
Executive Director
Ciudadanos del karso Inc.

From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 12:58:36 AM

Dear Ms. Lauren McGee-Rayburn,

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Sincerely,

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 12:58:06 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 12:32:56 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Monday, November 09, 2015 11:14:26 PM

Dear Ms. Lauren McGee-Rayburn,

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Sincerely,

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5416395196

From: [Rebeca Palacios](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Monday, November 09, 2015 9:51:49 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I am writing to urge you to reject federal funding for Energy Answers' proposed waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service should not set a precedent of supporting environmentally destructive projects when there are cleaner and greener ways to deal with Puerto Rico's waste-disposal problems. USDA should instead encourage projects that provide more jobs and put Puerto Rico on track for a healthier future, such as increased recycling and composting services for residents and businesses.

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Sincerely,

Rebeca Palacios
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EC

From: [Rose Doheny](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Monday, November 09, 2015 9:43:58 PM

Dear Lauren McGee Rayburn,

I am writing to urge you to reject federal funding for Energy Answers' proposed waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service should not set a precedent of supporting environmentally destructive projects when there are cleaner and greener ways to deal with Puerto Rico's waste-disposal problems. USDA should instead encourage projects that provide more jobs and put Puerto Rico on track for a healthier future, such as increased recycling and composting services for residents and businesses.

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Monday, November 09, 2015 7:40:33 PM

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From: [Ann Maria](#)
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Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Monday, November 09, 2015 2:22:28 PM

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From: [Enrique Gonzalez-Conty](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Comments on RUS's DEIS on Energy Answers" Incinerator for Arecibo, Puerto Rico
Date: Sunday, November 08, 2015 11:57:28 PM

Dear Lauren,

My name is Enrique Gonzalez-Conty, resident of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, and now in Ithaca, New York. I write to you to oppose the DEIS for Energy Answers' project in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The Impact Statement is poorly written and offensive. I particularly refer to the section on the "impact on minorities" that reads: "Puerto Rico as a nation is demographically 99.2 percent minority under these criteria for the time period analyzed. As such, the identified non-significant impacts described previously would not have any *disproportionate* impacts on minorities or impoverished populations" (3-131). Minorities won't be affected because we are ALL minorities? This conclusion is absurd and has no logic. Could you explain this to me?

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Sincerely,
Enrique

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From: [Zohal Khan](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Sunday, November 08, 2015 11:12:26 PM

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To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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From: [Sean O'Keeffe](#)
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From: [Ariel E. Lugo](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Cc: [Pedro Saade](#); [Pedro Saade Llorens](#)
Subject: Comments on Draft EIS for Arecibo Waste to Energy Project
Date: Saturday, November 07, 2015 8:17:06 PM
Attachments: [I analyzed the Arecibo Waste.docx](#)
[I am happy to see the federal government become involved with the Arecibo Energy Answers Project because up to this time the governmental evaluation of the project has not been transparent.docx](#)

Enclosed are my comments on the Draft EIS For Energy Answers Arecibo Incinerator Project.

I will send these through snail mail as well.

Enclosure 1 is Table 1 and enclosure 2 is my letter during the scoping process.

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From: [Helen Crispino](#)
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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:56:04 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [JANICE CHUI](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Friday, November 06, 2015 8:58:38 PM

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From: [Steven Barry](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Friday, November 06, 2015 5:27:25 PM

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From: [Jamie Lynn Guy-Ostrowski](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Friday, November 06, 2015 5:02:26 PM

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From: [Jamie Fillmore](#)
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Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:29:06 PM

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From: [Jeff Hoffman](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Friday, November 06, 2015 11:46:56 AM

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Date: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:56:13 AM

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From: [Julia Schebach](#)
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Date: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:15:01 AM

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From: [Jane Oldfield](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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From: [Erin Stuart-Jennings](#)
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Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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From: [Kenneth Kron](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:52:16 PM

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From: [Barbara Day](#)
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Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Thursday, November 05, 2015 6:16:24 PM

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From: [Therese Hernø](#)
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From: [Nuno Beja](#)
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Sincerely,

Lily Mejia
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Ontario, CA 91762
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From: [George Boggs](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Thursday, November 05, 2015 3:14:18 PM

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From: [Louise Sellon](#)
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Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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From: [Tracy Riley](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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GB

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Steve Swartz
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From: [Kathleen Lackey](#)
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Kathleen Lackey
133 S 6TH ST
New York, NY 11714
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From: [Neville Bruce](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](mailto:McGee.Rayburn@usda.gov)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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Sincerely,

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svendborg, ot 5700
DK

From: [Mary Bissell](#)
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Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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Mary Bissell
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US

From: [Von Ingram](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Thursday, November 05, 2015 6:39:14 AM

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Von Ingram
2165 spring creek rd.
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US

From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Thursday, November 05, 2015 1:57:46 AM

Dear Ms. Lauren McGee-Rayburn,

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The area around Arecibo is already suffering as a result of high lead levels from existing manufacturing and waste (battery) recycling facilities, and the addition of a massive solid waste incinerator would only add to the burden of these communities. There are better ways for Puerto Rico to address its solid waste issues, but incineration is not one of them.

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The Rural Utility Services Agency should not be in the business of financing these polluting facilities. Please reject Energy Answers' Environmental Impact Statement for a loan application for the proposed waste incinerator in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Jimenez
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San Francisco, CA 94104-
pacifymymind@gmail.com
(415) 977-5714

From: [Linda Waine](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 3:26:15 PM

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From: walter.connelly
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](mailto:McGee.Rayburn@usda.gov)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 10:48:01 AM

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From: [Richard Kahn](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 9:46:39 PM

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Sincerely,

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US

From: [Pamela MacLaine](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 11:07:34 AM

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US

From: [Rebecca Clark](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 9:59:56 AM

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From: [Mojca Kavar](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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Sincerely,

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From: charles.baughman
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](mailto:McGee.Rayburn@usda.gov)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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Sincerely,

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From: [Anne-Marie Kelly](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
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Sincerely,

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CA

From: [Wil Rodriguez](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Monday, November 02, 2015 3:18:52 PM

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US

From: [jill alibrandi](mailto:jill.alibrandi)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](mailto:McGee.Rayburn@usda.gov)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Monday, November 02, 2015 2:31:49 PM

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Sincerely,

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US

From: [Boris Rappoport](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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Risha Walden
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Summit, NJ 07901
US

From: [Glen Anderson](#)
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From: [Suzanne Dallas](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
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From: [KnowWho Auto Mailer](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Reject the Arecibo waste incinerator EIS for loan application
Date: Monday, November 02, 2015 10:51:43 AM

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Toronto, ON M3A1Y2
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From: [Marion Shepherd](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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It would be a terrible thing to do to Puerto Rico, the US, and the world. Please do NOT burn city waste in this wetland!

Sincerely,

Marion Shepherd
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Belair, ot 5952
AU

From: [Carole Shelton](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
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To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
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Sincerely,

Bob Haugen
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Minnesota, MN 55422
US

From: [Amanda Salvner](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Sunday, November 01, 2015 6:22:07 PM

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Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda Salvner
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US

From: claudia.correia
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](mailto:McGee.Rayburn@usda.gov)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Sunday, November 01, 2015 5:58:04 PM

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portimão, MD 21250
PT

From: [Ken Bise](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Sunday, November 01, 2015 3:23:18 PM

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Sincerely,

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US

From: [Alexandra Sipiora](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Sunday, November 01, 2015 10:44:49 AM

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Sincerely,

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US

From: [Jennie Stephenson](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Sunday, November 01, 2015 9:24:49 AM

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US

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To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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US

From: [R Teresa Best](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Sunday, November 01, 2015 8:14:15 AM

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From: [Gregory Esteve](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 8:12:14 PM

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Gregory Esteve
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Lake Wales, FL 33898
US

From: [Melissa Miller](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
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Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 6:40:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Melissa Miller
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West Covina, CA 91790
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From: [Neilia Amato](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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Garden City, NY 11530
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From: [Danielle Pirotte](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
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Sincerely,

Danielle Pirotte
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BE

From: [Brian Paradise](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 11:18:52 AM

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Sincerely,

Brian Paradise
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Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
US

From: [Terry Lianzi](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Waste Incinerator
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 1:06:43 AM

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Terry Lianzi
1400 South Ocean Drive
Hollywood, FL 33019
US

From: [Iris Chynoweth](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 12:35:58 AM

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US

From: [Pam Lynn](#)
To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Friday, October 30, 2015 8:14:25 PM

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Pam Lynn
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Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
US

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Andrew Warren
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To: [McGee Rayburn, Lauren - RD, Barnardsville, NC](#)
Subject: Deny Energy Answers" Waste Incinerator
Date: Friday, October 30, 2015 3:38:57 PM

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Sincerely,

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