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RE: Chapter 101 comments

Dear Mr. Stobbe,

The intent of the exemption for C&D waste (re. waste fee fund) was to help private and public entities to dispose of old building sites in a practical manner without the all too common practice of indiscriminating burning and burial without any regard to the environment. To impose a waste fee on C&D at this time can only be perceived for what it is, a "money grab" for the Department.

It is interesting that now, after all these years, we are hearing about all the toxic waste going into C&D sites and of all the new rules and regulation needed to address it. These various materials now being labeled as toxic are those we are exposed to every day in our homes and work places. Why is it they only become hazardous once they are buried in a landfill? I'm really surprised we are all still alive!

Before imposing more fees, before writing more rules, please look at the correlation between high landfill tipping fees, and illegal dumping and burning.

I have been in the landfill business for over thirty-six years. I have seen many changes in the rules and methods of operation. Most have been change for the better. However, the last few years have brought forth a Department that is more concerned with trying to "micro-manage" every solid waste agency and grow a self-serving bureaucracy than to serve the citizens of Iowa.

Respectfully



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