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Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K St. NW
Washington, DC 20433
Finance Docket No. 34747

Re: **Olin Property, Wilmington, Massachusetts**

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am a Wilmington housewife. I was reading my local paper the Town Crier, when I was reminded of our annual household hazardous waste collection day. On this special day, the residents of Wilmington will be able to dispose of items such as aerosol cans, furniture polish, spot remover and the like. These items are considered hazardous to our environment, but are often probably double bagged in odor guard or flexible strength bags and set on the curb to be picked up on weekly trash days across America. On one Saturday in May, these items are treated in a special way.

When I thought of this annual event, I was reminded of another recent article in the Town Crier referring to the fact that private investors from New Jersey would like to have a trash transfer station at the highly contaminated Olin chemical site. As a point of interest over the years, I have been collecting hazardous waste headlines from our paper crossing my fingers that no plume would migrate my way. Some of these headlines are as follows:

Wilmington/Tewksbury site Fifty more hazardous drums found	Town Crier by Paul Hayes
McDonald Road Investigation turns up barrels, tannery waste	Town Crier by Paul Hayes
McDonald Rd. EPA to join in waste probe	Town Crier by Paul Hayes
Wilmington residents to have their say on toxic sites	Boston Sunday Globe By Caroline Louise Cole
McDonald Road, Kelly Hill Barrels full; DEP taking samples	Town Crier by Charlotte Cooper

McDonald Road Excavation begins	Town Crier by Shawn P. Sullivan
McDonald Road Contaminants found in ground water	Town Crier by Charlotte Cooper
McDonald Rd. Drum excavation to begin	Town Crier by Shawn P. Sullivan
State senators/representatives Seeking to Superfund Rocco dump site	Town Crier
EPA earmarks \$1.5 M for Rocco's dump	Town Crier by Charlotte Cooper

I became tired of clipping hazardous waste articles by the time I became aware of the Olin articles, but I have a few: (all from the Town Crier)

Olin unveils warehouse plan	by Charlotte Cooper
Maple Meadow Brook Aquifer Four wells shut down after carcinogen discovered	by Shawn P. Sullivan
Maple Meadow Aquifer Strategies outlined for confronting NDMA	by Shawn P. Sullivan

I am sure others are more familiar with the various toxic wastes adversely impacting Wilmington. If you are interested in hearing a bit more, I can quote to you from one more Town Crier article:

“The Olin Chemical property is a 53-acre parcel situated just off of Route 38 and approximately a quarter-mile from the Woburn line. The property was classified as a Tier 1A disposal site by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Sept. 20,1994, as a result of the discharging of wastewater to unlined lagoons and ditches by previous property owners over a period of many years. Tier 1A sites are overseen by the DEP and a piece of land is categorized as such only if it possesses contaminants that impact a town's water supply.

The estimated limits of contaminant migration appear to nearly double the size of the property, extending as far as Chestnut Street and the Maple Meadow landfill in Wilmington and into Woburn by the municipal landfill.”

The above mentioned is what movies are made of, but they already have. I'm not sure if John Travolta won an Oscar for his role in the movie based on a nearby site, but I do not wish him to return for an encore.

Wilmington does not need a trash transfer station. I suppose from afar one could say, "trust me", but I am trusting in good judgment in this matter.

Sincerely,

John H. Selman