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Re: Applications #PATT031638, #PATT031639 and #PATT031940

Dear Director Zehringer and Chief Simmer,

We the citizens of the Brookfield Ohio and the northeastern Ohio Region make this Request for a Public Hearing

We request a public hearing on the matter, owing to the significant interest in this project by residents of northeastern Ohio. If approved, Highland would be adding to the cumulative environmental problems from the additional millions of barrels of fracking waste being introduced to the region of Trumbull County and will greatly exacerbate the potential environmental downside of drilling waste disposal, in the form of groundwater pollution and exhaustion of available solid waste disposal facilities. A public health and safety issue has been established that cannot be remedied by the agency use of construction or operating conditions. The affected public within Trumbull County should be allowed to personally deliver facts and analysis to the Agency via a public a hearing. While the agency did meet with several elected officials they have never met with the public on these injection wells.

We the citizens also make a Request for 60-day Extension of Time to Comment

We request a 60-day extension of time for the submission of public comments, from December 25th to February 25, 2018, for several reasons. There are serious issues with the sufficiency of the December 5, 2017 Public Notice in this matter, which are expressed below. This is a complex issue which has been inadequately described in the Public Notice, and the misleading wording in the Notice has not sufficiently informed potential commenters. The Notice was issued during the winter holiday season, a time when members of the public might be unavailable on vacation and unavailable to participate in this proceeding. To have a deadline for comment to end on Christmas Day is not reasonable deadline. Citizens need time to read, understand and then make comment on not one but three applications.

Please do not spoil our Holiday Season, honor our request for a public hearing and also extend the public comment period to February 25, 2018.

Thanking you in advance,