

**Written Testimony of Linda L. Olsen, to the Connecticut General
Assembly Environment Committee
February 13, 2009, in support of "SB 3"**

Senator Meyer, Representative Roy, Chairmen and Members of the Environmental
Committee:

I am a citizen of Franklin, CT and I am compelled to write regarding CRRA's proposed ash landfill site in our small, rural town. What strikes me the most is the fact that a large pristine aquifer lies directly beneath the proposed landfill area and threatens one of our most needed resources; pure clean drinking water. This aquifer has the potential to sustain future generations and could be used by our town, as well as parts of the surrounding towns of Lebanon, Windham, Scotland and Sprague. As we are faced with this horrific problem of contaminating our future water source, it makes one ask why would this site be chosen for a possible dump?

It's absurd that CRRA would be allowed by our state DEP to even consider such an area for a landfill. In tough economic times; our state government should not be so short sighted that they are not aware of such simple fundamentals as protecting Connecticut's clean water. If our state has to dispose of toxic ash, a possibility might be to choose a brownfield site that already presents a financial cleanup burden, such as the old Norwich State Hospital, with a projected cleanup cost of over 30 million dollars.

As a person charged with our public trust, I ask you to please act to change this ash landfill site and protect our limited and valuable resource.

Thank You,
Respectfully,



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