

QUESTIONS FOR DEEP COMMISSIONER KLEE & DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN

Niagara requires certain state permits to build the bottling plant. Here are some critical questions and points that citizens want answers to. We want DEEP to conduct a thorough and adequate review of the Niagara proposal. We also want the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) Commissioners to address our concerns.

- What exactly is the permitting process Niagara needs to go through to establish an operational plastics manufacturing plant, water mixing and bottling company, and to establish Bloomfield as the northeast hub for distribution?
- Has DEEP seen the sewer discharge plans? If so, can DEEP provide a copy? How does the additional contribution to the sewer system get handled if Bloomfield and neighboring towns get heavy rains and the storm water drains back up into the streets?
- Will the MDC water treatment plant be able to withstand the added volume and still be able to maintain an acceptable rate of biodegradation? Can DEEP provide a report that identifies the current operational capacity of our water treatment facility and how it addresses the impact of Niagara waste water on operations longer term?
- There's a great deal of concern about pollution from this bottling plant. Not only will plastics manufacturing occur near Wintonbury Reservoir, but 4 bottling lines will generate up to 200 tractor trailer truck trips daily in Bloomfield and Windsor. Has DOT/anyone done a traffic study? Has DPH/anyone done an air quality study? Will this increase in diesel fuel emissions contribute to the region's already high incidence of asthma?
- How will a long-term reduction in reservoir volume impact the hydrology of abutting aquifers? Do DEEP and DPH know where Niagara is planning to get their spring (ground) water supply?
- In the event of a severe drought, Niagara will not be forced to curtail operations until we are down to 10% of reservoir capacity. At what point could State regulatory bodies reduce or terminate Niagara's high volume use of our public water supply? In addition to affecting residents, what impact could this long-term water export operation have on local agriculture in the event of drought?
- Does DEEP/DPH/DOT have joint programs with other state agencies that are relevant to this situation? If so, who can I contact at those agencies for additional information?
- Does DEEP/DPH have any concerns about the MDC setting a bad precedent by "enticing" (MDC CEO Scott Jellison's word choice) a commercial water bottler through special water and sewer discounts?
- Does DEEP/DPH have additional concerns about this deal to allow our public water system to be sold for commercial profit? Are there other questions I should be asking?

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