

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING  
HURON VALLEY INDUSTRIAL LANDFILL MODIFICATION  
JULY 14, 2005

A public hearing was conducted for the purpose of allowing members of the public to express views as to modifications sought by Huron Valley Steel Corporation, Anniston, Alabama, of an existing solid waste management site located in the vicinity of Morrisville Road in Calhoun County. The modifications sought by Huron Valley Steel Corporation are the increase of the service area of its Industrial Landfill Permit No. 08-18. The current service area consists of Huron Valley Steel's Recycling Facility in Anniston. The waste approved for disposal at Huron Valley Steel Corporation landfill comprises non-hazardous industrial wastes including soil, rock, plastic, rubber, glass, fibrous material and residues from resource recovery plants. Huron Valley Steel Corporation would also like to increase its service area to also include all of Calhoun County and to increase the permitted capacity from 450 tons per day to 600 tons per day. This service area and permitted capacity increase will enable Huron Valley Steel Corporation to fully participate in the residential contaminated soil cleanup in Calhoun County by disposing of the contaminated soil from the residential cleanup projects in the Huron Valley Steel Industrial Landfill. This alternative would be much more efficient than the current disposal site, which is located approximately 34 miles from the current staging area.

Mr. Thomas P. Bonds, Vice President of Operations for Huron Valley Steel Corporation, advised that under the proposed lead cleanup, residential properties in Anniston, Hobson City and Oxford that tested higher than 400 parts per million for lead would be cleaned up by the Foothills Community partnership. Soil would be tested at a staging area to determine how much lead leaches from it. EPA guidelines say that materials that leach less than 5 parts per million of lead can be placed in non-hazardous-material landfills. The soil is hazardous based on how much it leaches as opposed to how much there is. Any dirt that tests at hazardous levels will have to be sent to a hazardous-waste landfill. Disposing of non-hazardous soil in Huron Valley's landfill could cut cleanup costs for the community, which have been estimated to be as high as \$100 million.

Mr. William L. Tippins, whose family owns and resides on land close to the Huron Valley landfill site, expressed concern for his children and whether it was fair for him and his family to invest money in his home when the lead in the landfill could bring down property values. Mr. Tippins asked that Mr. Bonds meet with citizens in the community to discuss the current and future benefits and concerns to the community.

Mr. Dick Anderson, Special Projects Manager for Huron Valley Steel Corporation, agreed to meet with Mr. Tippins to address his concerns.

Mr. Willie Ivey, a citizen in the community, asked about the Foothills connection and expressed the same concerns of Mr. Tippins. Mr. Ivey stated he was opposed to taking waste from one area and dumping it in another area in the community with homes. He asked that another public hearing be held.

Mr. Morgan W. Scott, with the Anniston Community Education Foundation, expressed concern with putting hazardous material into a non-hazardous landfill. Mr. Bonds stated that only non-hazardous material would be dumped. Any waste that is determined to be hazardous would be required by EPA to go to Emil landfill in Ragland.

Ms. Polly Goodman asked Mr. Bonds to elaborate on his statement concerning increased stewardship in the community. Mr. Bonds responded that eleven companies have agreed to do the cleanup and disposal is part of the cost. Huron Valley is trying to reduce that cost and by doing so we do not think it will have any hazardous affect on the community.

Commissioner Downing suggested that the request might need to be modified to include only the current specified project, with a certain time limit.

Commissioner Henderson suggested that Mr. Bonds and Mr. Anderson should meet with the citizens in the community to discuss their concerns.

Following all comments, the Public Hearing was declared to be closed.