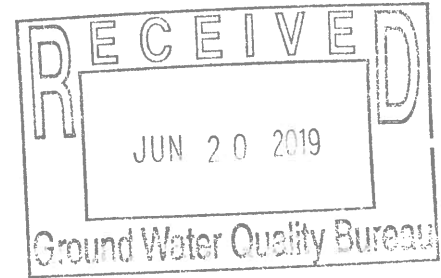


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Re: **REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING on Renewal of DP-465 S&R Septic Service Discharge Permit**

Dear Mr. Herman,

It is my understanding that there has been a request for a permit extension for S & R Septic's disposal lagoon. This dumping site is located in my neighborhood, Stagecoach Hills, and I am very concerned about potential ground water contamination and airborne contaminants that may occur as a result of the continued allowance of this permit. The owner has other environmentally responsible options available to him and is the only operator in the area that is still using this antiquated approach to sewage disposal.

Public records reflect that the owner of S&R has been negligent in his compliance with conditions previously imposed for permit approval and yet, he continues to operate the facility with impudence and the State continues to grant extensions to his permit with seeming little concern for the best interests of the Community where the disposal lagoon exists. Perhaps at one time, the area might have been deemed remote. However, there now is a restaurant, a concert venue and camping within 103' of the disposal lagoon.

I am strongly opposed to the approval for the extension of this permit, based on the concerns above, and respectfully request that a Public Hearing be held on this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

Sincerely,

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