

June 20, 2024

Dear Ms. French,

My name is Cynthia Grove. I am a Union County resident. I am strongly **against** the Samsung Richwood Solar project – Case #23-930-EL-BGN.

I am deeply concerned about the way it would change and affect the community in which I live. I am concerned that the installation of these solar panel fields would make existing flooding and drainage issues in that area worse and would possibly create new drainage issues as drainage tiles in the fields are disrupted.

I'm concerned about the upkeep, or lack-there-of for that matter, of fields upon fields of panels. I am concerned about the battery fields that would be located near my home that would have to burn themselves out should they catch fire. How dangerous would the toxic fumes and chemicals be and what would be the environmental impact? How large would the evacuation area need to be? It has been stated at previous community meetings that our local fire department does not have the man power or training ability to handle and put out such a fire. It would simply have to burn itself out.

I'm concerned about the heat island affect that is created when you have a concentration of panels such as this all located in one area and the family residencies surrounded by them. I'm concerned about the toxic chemicals that can be leached into the soil and groundwater should they become damaged or defective. I'm concerned about the health effects that aren't yet fully understood when these large areas create a magnetic field around people's homes and how they affect our human bodies, pace makers, etc.. I am concerned about my friends and neighbors who live in these areas and would have this forced upon them. I am concerned for their health, their well-being, their property values and their livelihoods. For most, it would be devastating.

There are already other solar projects in our county. There is no need for another one. I am asking you today to please deny the Samsung Richwood Solar project. It's not needed and it is not wanted me or by the majority of our community.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Grove
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