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Dear Mr. Lesar,

I live in Beasley's Bend, Smith County, Tennessee on a farm that has been in my family for 150 years. We are about 3 or 4 miles from the proposed Trousdale County LE5 plant.

We are told there will be 200 jobs and ten million dollars involved, but at what cost?

Please do not put this burden on the people in this area. LE5 does not know what they will do with the "tails" (waste, any way you look at it). It will be there forever, until the judgement day. It is dangerous and will be a hazard to all future generations.

The company could very well go under

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because it isn't a sure thing that it really is needed. With the waste left there, as it almost surely will be and the area contaminated no other business will locate there. Then where will the jobs be?

This is an unspoiled area. It should not be ruined by this and we should not be put under this threat.

I asked this question at the Public Forum on October 14. What will be the responsibility of LES in case of an accident? I have not received the promised answer yet which leads me to believe they would try to wiggle out of responsibility and that they are not going to answer the question. An accident or a tornado could be disastrous and could get it into the water table.

Please do not give a licence to LES for this plant in Trowdale County. The cost is too high.

Sincerely
Betty P. Richardson