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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 5:55 PM
To: Lynch, Steven; Voth, Marcus
Subject: Shine Medical
Attachments: nat geo map.pdf

Dear Sirs;

I am writing in regard to the Shine Medical facility that is moving into our community with no licensing, no proven product, and tons of federal, state and local money being pumped into the project.

My group, Rock Environmental Network, Inc has been opposed to this project, initially because of the land requested for the project. The farmland surrounding Janesville Wisconsin is some of the finest soil on the face of the earth. Found only in 3 places globally, (east of Russia's Ural Mountains, West of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, and the Rock Prairie) this local jewel is viewed by those in the development not as a source of feeding the globe, but as vacant land that has not yet been paved. The topsoil in our County is between 6 and 15 FEET deep. With only 3% of the entire surface of the earth offering inherently fertile soils, this resource is something that should be protected on a national and global level. REN has fought the development community locally for 10 years to protect our lands. This project, as with so many others, flies in the face of logic.

Attached is a Nat Geo map of fertile soils globally so you can get the just of my plea. Please do not allow this facility to be built on our fertile soils. In addition, under ground is one of the finest aquifer's in the US providing ground water to our entire area. Should this aquifer become further contaminated, our local water supply will also vanish. (water is currently high in nitrates due to farming and natural limestone deposits)

In addition to the land use issue surrounding the Shine Project, I would like to bring to your attention the manner in which this project was jammed through our local City Council. With no transparency for 2 years, our Council met with Shine behind closed doors, revealing their financial incentive demands on our community less than a week before our Council voted to approve. Local residents still don't understand the risks involved, both environmentally and financially, as SHINE required our CITY taxpayers to back a 4 million loan to venture capitalists. During the meeting when one of our Council members was outlining risks to the community, another member, improperly used a Roberts Rule to completely shut down the conversation - thus keeping details out of the public eye, and off of our local TV station.

Our community deserves the right to know more details about this project. I am asking that you deny any permits to this company until such information is made available (by a third party) and residents have been given the time to review the information - including risks to our community.

Also, concerning the manufacture of medical radioisotopes, it seems that the government's money (our) would be better spent investigating this technology as a portable option - that can be housed in every medical facility in the country, and near where patients need is greatest. Taylor Wilson, a 17 year old kid that studies at the University of Nevada, has made, as a demonstration, this exact type of unit. He was in Washington DC and met with President Obama in the past month.

Having two medical radioisotope companies so close together seems illogical from a logistic standpoint. It would seem that the government would want one plant in the midwest US, with another in the mideast US to best serve the needs of the entire country. Our community does need jobs, but we should be focusing on our agricultural related resources, and food production to feed a growing global population. This project will not employ any of our unemployed auto workers, and with their proposed timeline, will do nothing in the near future to remedy our City's unemployment problems. To the contrary, the financial demands from Shine to our community will create even more hardship for our local residents.

Please consider my comments, and I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Julie Backenkeller

Rock Environmental Network, Inc.

"When People Lead, the Leaders will Follow"

an interesting read from a local blogger....

<http://rocknetroots.blogspot.com/2012/02/epic-fail-janesville-city-government.html>