

Opposition Boils

over Industrial Waste Well

Jackson Michigan based Beeland Group and CMS Energy are forcefully pursuing a Class 1 Industrial Waste Well near the protected natural scenic Jordan River within the Lake Charlevoix watershed.

This well would accept industrial waste from Bay Harbor and East Park, containing arsenic, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, selenium, zinc, and mercury.

The tremendous problem lies under the Bay Harbor Development where huge amounts of saturated kiln dust lie. This development, if left unchanged, will leach toxic contaminants for decades to come.

If the proposed well succeeds, each day, 135,000 gallons of this toxic mixture of chemicals will be transported to Alba (headwaters of many watersheds) for disposal, against people's wishes.

Class 1 wells are new to Antrim County and set a dangerous new precedence. Even radio- active waste with approval can be put down these wells. In the future, will Northern Michigan be accepting industrial waste from down state, or even out of state?

Renowned geophysicists, geologists and hydrologists have warned of the dangers of this proposed well.

This well does not solve anything and could jeopardize water quality by leaching into our rivers, streams and eventually, our lake basins. In the short run, it's more economical for CMS to drive this well instead of transferring the waste to the willing Traverse City Waste Water Treatment Plant. To solve this problem responsibly, CMS must isolate, contain and treat this problem on site and return the water to the bay where it belongs.

Dr. John Richter along with Friends the Jordan River adamantly oppose this well and the risk to this sensitive, pristine area and ask cordially for the public's continued support.

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