

00:00:45.691,00:00:48.691

Tyler Cannon: Me too. While we have been provided a means of accessing the meeting by phone, the places to access the phone number to dial in on are either online or in the Williamson Daily News which has approximately 1005 subscribers.

00:03:15.851,00:03:18.851

Vernon Haltom: Vernon Haltom, Coal River Mountain Watch, vernon@crmw.net

00:04:15.059,00:04:18.059

James Kotcon: James Kotcon, WV Chapter of Sierra Club, jkotcon@gmail.com

00:05:01.778,00:05:04.778

Mariah Clay: we can't hear you

00:09:00.162,00:09:03.162

Hillary Hall: I'm commenting now, DEP may have received no comments at first, my comment now is we do not want this. We don't want our air and water poisoned.

00:10:16.511,00:10:19.511

Mariah Clay: Hillary, I stand with you. Please provide an official comment near the end of the meeting so that it will be officially recorded.

00:10:59.516,00:11:02.516

Hillary Hall: Why exactly does the DEP not have authority over water? My husband works in water and you do have authority over checking over what he does, but not what some outside business does? Why ? I will comment at the end. But I want this in writing too.

00:11:02.550,00:11:05.550

Tyler Cannon: The text is too small

00:13:22.513,00:13:25.513

Tyler Cannon: Can we have access to this powerpoint following the hearing?

00:14:05.557,00:14:08.557

Terry A Fletcher: Yes, we will make it available.

00:18:57.716,00:19:00.716

Grace Williams: Yes, can you please email us the power point. I am losing service as I travel and will not be able to stay on the call. How long will it last and can I rejoin when I get service?

00:21:25.621,00:21:28.621

Mariah Clay: Terry, can you please answer Grace's question before she loses service?

00:21:51.157,00:21:54.157

Terry A Fletcher: We will have the powerpoint on our website tomorrow. I can't give a specific time that this will end, it just depends on when we get through the questions and the comments. Please rejoin if and when you can. We are available at any time if you have any questions, and comments can be submitted at any point through 5 p.m. on Friday.

00:22:04.814,00:22:07.814

Grace Williams: Thank you

00:22:12.805,00:22:15.805

Terry A Fletcher: Sorry, Mariah - I was typing.

00:24:28.583,00:24:31.583

Tyler Cannon: That is not correct. The comment period was announced on July 8th and set to conclude on August 8th.

00:24:53.705,00:24:56.705

Tyler Cannon: It was extended by two weeks. Not 44 days.

00:27:28.540,00:27:31.540

Grace Williams: I hear that it is considered a minor source. However, What is a fugitive source? Did I hear that correctly?

00:29:35.634,00:29:38.634

Hillary Hall: I want a meeting with the water division. It's ridiculous the DEP doesn't regulate water .

00:31:53.581,00:31:56.581

Hillary Hall: What does the DEP actually do to protect us then?

00:32:04.104,00:32:07.104

Vernon Haltom: In other words, if the company says it has no impacts, DEP accepts that.

00:32:15.911,00:32:18.911

Hillary Hall: I trying to unmute

00:32:24.711,00:32:27.711

Hillary Hall: I don't have permission

00:33:22.789,00:33:25.789

Hillary Hall: Permission denied

00:34:01.945,00:34:04.945

James Kotcon: WV State Code (22-12-8 (b)) requires groundwater certification. It says that "Every state, county or local government body which reviews or issues permits, ... for activities or practices which may affect groundwater quality shall first submit to the director for review and approval an application for certification." Has DAQ submitted an application for groundwater certification, if not why not?

00:35:05.730,00:35:08.730

Hillary Hall: What tools do you have then?

00:41:32.160,00:41:35.160

Roger Perry: We are unable to hear what other participants are saying. We have turned our sound up but we're not getting anything now.

00:44:51.935,00:44:54.935

Roger Perry: Got it. Resolved audio issue

00:46:09.316,00:46:12.316

Hillary Hall: Here is my question:

Respectfully,

This area has been used for its natural resources for so long and has a deep and warranted mistrust, especially with outside entities, which the facility is backed by.

Our air is already very polluted by coal, no matter what the companies and DEP says. I do not trust that an ammonia facility and data center of this size will not pollute and have no affect. I understand that you are working on the confines of the law, however, our current laws are very hostile to our environment and people. We just passed a law allowing more pollutants.

It's just like saying asbestos wasn't harmful back in the day. So I do not believe the pollutants will not harm us, especially with the limited confines the DEP operates under.

There are people with black lung here, it will exacerbate those conditions

00:46:22.438,00:46:25.438

Hillary Hall: Sorry it's really more of a comment

00:49:59.858,00:50:02.858

Hillary Hall: More pollutants in water, that is.

00:50:20.775,00:50:23.775

Hillary Hall: I know you can't speak to that.

00:52:04.913,00:52:07.913

Hillary Hall: Phones have calculators

00:54:24.397,00:54:27.397

Mariah Clay: to allow accessibility for all attendees, please refrain from using acronyms

01:02:07.818,01:02:10.818

Hillary Hall: Department of Environmental Protection = DEP.

The speakers are being less accessible than my comment.

01:03:28.112,01:03:31.112

Mariah Clay: Adam Victor is here. Would he like to answer via chat?

01:04:02.654,01:04:05.654

Hillary Hall: This is very contradictory.

01:04:24.099,01:04:27.099

James Kotcon: In the revised application the name of the pollution control manufacturer is still redacted, and the Control system is simply listed as "various". How can the public verify those control efficiencies? Likewise, the manufacturer's information submitted has not information by which we can verify those control efficiencies. Where can we find that information?

01:05:04.260,01:05:07.260

Mariah Clay: double audio

01:05:59.451,01:06:02.451

Hillary Hall: Why is this confidential?

01:07:02.436,01:07:05.436

Hillary Hall: But is it legal?

01:07:29.119,01:07:32.119

Mariah Clay: How and why is it compliant?

01:08:41.628,01:08:44.628

Mariah Clay: DEP was specifically asked to advertise this meeting in the Logan Banner to give those folks an opportunity to participate and to my understanding, DEP did not do that.

01:09:21.072,01:09:24.072

Hillary Hall: Also paper is a very outdated media, they need to come into the 21st century.

01:09:55.444,01:09:58.444

Hillary Hall: And use online communication also

01:10:52.124,01:10:55.124

Mariah Clay: DEP has held hybrid meetings in the past. Why was that not considered?

01:11:02.051,01:11:05.051

Hillary Hall: I don't live in Mingo county, but I work there and my students live there.

01:11:46.217,01:11:49.217

Hillary Hall: Why not do both ? A community in person and online.

01:12:30.861,01:12:33.861

Hillary Hall: It seems like we want to limit the amount of comments, as many do not have digital access.

01:13:13.174,01:13:16.174

Hillary Hall: You need to here the actual community

01:13:18.690,01:13:21.690

Hillary Hall: Hear*

01:14:27.631,01:14:30.631

Hillary Hall: Many in Mingo county do not have access to stable internet. Also air quality affects people an hour and a half away.

01:14:49.913,01:14:52.913

Mariah Clay: You can confidently say that those 37 requests were from outside of the community?

01:16:11.502,01:16:14.502

Hillary Hall: You are not understanding the demographic of the area. We are beyond rural and very isolated. I worked in the Gilbert community for 11 years. It is very isolated

01:18:22.674,01:18:25.674

Hillary Hall: The language being used is non- specific to ensure no litigation

01:18:45.649,01:18:48.649

Hillary Hall: That's why no was not used

01:20:35.636,01:20:38.636

Tyler Cannon: Jerry, you and I spoke on August 5th and you told me a hearing would be taking place.

01:20:37.170,01:20:40.170

Hillary Hall: I was a person living in Kentucky but I work in Mingo county and air travels so it affects us all. I drove the hour to Gilbert daily and would gladly do it again

01:21:20.854,01:21:23.854

Hillary Hall: I request a public in person hearing

01:21:37.737,01:21:40.737

Hillary Hall: I will drive. I don't live there but I work there

01:22:21.024,01:22:24.024

Luanne McGovern: Maybe their parents or their grandparents live in Mingo County. Taking care of their families that don't have internet? Just saying.

01:22:30.290,01:22:33.290

Hillary Hall: Agree

01:22:47.636,01:22:50.636

Hillary Hall: I'm protecting my students

01:26:55.731,01:26:58.731

Tyler Cannon: This wouldn't be an issue in person.

01:27:07.046,01:27:10.046

Hillary Hall: Absolutely

01:28:27.396,01:28:30.396

Roger Perry: I am unmuted. I will submit written comments. I work in Gilbert but live in Logan County.

01:29:58.391,01:30:01.391

Roger Perry: Yes, I want a hearing on water quality issues.

01:30:13.616,01:30:16.616

Mariah Clay: I third a request for a hearing on water quality issues.

01:30:55.204,01:30:58.204

Vernon Haltom: Any water emissions should require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Not that that would prevent pollution, or that DEP would effectively enforce it.

01:31:18.931,01:31:21.931

Mariah Clay: For any one concerned about water quality issues please contact me at

mclay@wvrrivers.org

01:33:11.289,01:33:14.289

Terry A Fletcher: I'm not aware of any permit applications for this facility relating to water discharges. But should one be submitted, it will most likely have to be sent out for public notice.

01:34:04.696,01:34:07.696

Hillary Hall: This needs to be advertised in more than a newspaper

01:35:02.452,01:35:05.452

Hillary Hall: That's not good enough. Most people don't use paper anymore

01:36:40.557,01:36:43.557

Hillary Hall: Also it is down right criminal that they do not have to submit a water discharge application. Exactly how does the DEP protect us?

01:37:10.755,01:37:13.755

Tyler Cannon: Wow. If 193 million tons per year is the emission level at 99% control, 250 million tons per year is reached by 98% control. Can someone confirm?

01:37:27.504,01:37:30.504

Roger Perry: This is Roger. I can't get mic to work.

01:37:32.063,01:37:35.063

Jonathan Godby: As a resident of Logan County, I recognize that public hearings often give the floor to opposition, but I believe that the silent majority of us are genuinely excited about the opportunities this project could bring. It represents not only potential job creation but also a productive use for our abandon mine lands. I've seen firsthand how neighboring counties have struggled and lost population after the decline of coal, and I don't want to see that happen here.

01:37:56.183,01:37:59.183

Roger Perry: If this were in person we wouldn't have this issue.

01:38:03.558,01:38:06.558

James Kotcon: Mr. Fletcher, the state code does not rely on the permittee to submit an application, 22-12-8 (b) says the agency must first seek groundwater certification.

01:38:04.982,01:38:07.982

Hillary Hall: It sounds as though the interest of corporate is protected about the people and health

01:39:09.714,01:39:12.714

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01:39:17.093,01:39:20.093

Hillary Hall: Honestly there won't be much job creation it's a data center.. meaning it actually may delete jobs by powering AI. Why exactly would anyone be excited for that?

01:39:33.016,01:39:36.016

Hillary Hall: I don't believe you are in a "silent majority"

01:40:11.033,01:40:14.033

Hillary Hall: It will create short term construction jobs then a few people to operate and that's it

01:40:49.733,01:40:52.733

Hillary Hall: They will use these data centers to replace workers in the long term

01:41:32.887,01:41:35.887

Hillary Hall: As spoken before this is just to help benefactors such as Peter Theil, Elon Musk and big tech

01:41:38.915,01:41:41.915

Hillary Hall: They*

01:41:40.031,01:41:43.031

Vernon Haltom: DEP grants permits regardless of anything citizens have to say. These hearings are just a formality.

01:41:49.063,01:41:52.063

Hillary Hall: I agree

01:42:28.756,01:42:31.756

Mariah Clay: over 1000 residents in Tucker County opposed the data center there and DEP approved the permit last week.

01:42:35.860,01:42:38.860

Hillary Hall: I will say they are working within very hostile laws.. hostile to the environment and they support big business

01:42:55.506,01:42:58.506

Hillary Hall: It's just a big tech race to kill the planet

01:43:49.369,01:43:52.369

Hillary Hall: They being DEP

01:45:10.740,01:45:13.740

Hillary Hall: Signing in to google is just another barrier in a community that struggles to work computers.

01:45:24.590,01:45:27.590

Hillary Hall: Tech literacy is low here

01:47:38.107,01:47:41.107

Vernon Haltom: DEP is very proud of doing the bare minimum or less.

01:47:58.624,01:48:01.624

Hillary Hall: And also bring a calculator to the meeting or know how to use the one on your phone or computer in front of you

01:49:23.361,01:49:26.361

Mariah Clay: my email is mclay@wvrrivers.org

01:49:42.896,01:49:45.896

Mariah Clay: tyler's is tyler@wvcag.org