

Dear Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball: I am writing out of concern for my family and for members of my community.

I am alarmed at the possibility that our town may have to bear the burden of a Transrail facility. You are aware that the site being considered is an environmental hazard and has caused a disproportionate number of our residents to become ill with various debilitating sicknesses.

I am convinced after reviewing the various briefs filed with your agency that the facility being considered will expose our community to additional hazardous wastes both airborne and waterborne. Furthermore, any new development on the site would hinder the cleanup of the site so desperately needed.

I am also alarmed at the increased traffic congestion and the associated dangers involved to our community. My wife drives our three children to school over that route every day and the increased congestion would be a major impact to the safety and welfare of my family. The facility states that it would handle 400 trucks per day. That means 400 trucks entering and 400 trucks leaving the facility each day. During an 8-hour day that would calculate to more than one truck each 1 1/2 minutes on a 2-lane road that is already congested. It just won't work! The roads will not handle it.

Considering these and other important concerns voiced by my neighbors, I hereby request that you and the other members of the board reject any initiative to permit building such a facility in Wilmington.

Sincerely Concerned,
John J. Frackleton