

Criteria 1: the facility is necessary to accommodate the waste needs of the area it is intended to serve.

Answer: Criteria met? No. Lake County has waste capacity for more than ten years, if not fifteen. Therefore, a transfer station is not needed at this time. Maybe in ten years, but not now.

Criteria 2: the facility is so designed, located, and proposed to be operated that the public health, safety, and welfare will be protected.

Answer: Criteria met? No, on one count. How can Groot guarantee the public's health when all the vehicles that will use the transfer station and the Eco campus will inundate the area with diesel exhaust fumes, harming anyone within 2000' that might have asthma or other lung related illnesses.

Criteria 7: if the facility will be treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste, an emergency response plan exists for the facility, which includes notification, containment, and evacuation procedures to be used in case of an accidental release.

Answer: Criteria met? NO. in Groot's proposal, they state that Criteria 7 does not apply to them because they will not be treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste. that is not what criteria 7 is about. it is about the accidental release of hazardous waste, and having an emergency plan to deal with it. Groot fails in this respect by not having a plan listed under Criteria 7.

With the above stated facts, I do not see how this proposal can be granted, as Groot has to meet all 9 Criteria.

Thank you
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