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Dear Dr. Couch,

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed coal burning power plant in Washington County. Numerous studies and reports have shown that the energy needs of our state are declining. With the use of efficiencies and new forms of energy production, the need for a coal plant is not necessary.

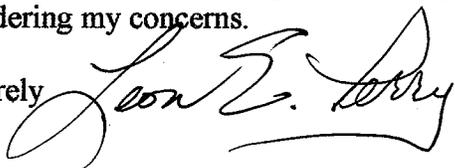
The plant will negatively impact my community due to the amount of water it will use from the Oconee River and 15 proposed wells. Our water resources are fragile, and using 16 million gallons of water per day will have a severe impact on our local water tables, especially for those of us who depend solely on wells for household and agricultural use. The 106 lbs of mercury emitted will further pollute the fish in the Ogeechee River, where fish consumption limits are already severe.

The air quality in our area is already poor, and the additional emissions will impact everyone in our area, especially those who suffer from asthma, respiratory conditions, and cardio-pulmonary concerns. The landfill that will be required for ash storage is also a concern for both the monitoring issues and breaches into our groundwater.

This coal plant will negatively impact the wildlife and agricultural resources in our community. Many households rely on gardening and raising livestock for their livelihood. Outdoor sportsmen are attracted to this area for bird watching, hunting, and fishing. Many landowners must lease their land for hunters and outdoor sports clubs in order to pay taxes to keep their property. Reductions in our natural resources will negatively impact our property owners, local businesses and both sales and property tax revenues.

I urge you to consider the short and long-term negative effects the proposed coal fired plant will have on Washington County and our neighbors in surrounding communities. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely



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