

Lancaster Chamber finds 'no fault' with Narvon mine

LANCASTER — The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce has released a statement stressing the need to deal with the issue of the disposal of hazardous waste, which also finds "no basic fault" with the approach of Conversion Systems Inc. for the proposed location of a disposal site at the Narvon mine.

While, the Chamber states it is not taking a pro or con position concerning the proposed location at Narvon, it goes on to say that "the weight of scientific evidence gathered confirms that the planned site in Narvon, Pa. is a suitable location in that it does not pose a threat to groundwater."

According to Richard Blouse, of the Chamber staff, who said he was largely responsible for the drafting of the statement, the favorable scientific evidence is

that presented at the Public Participation Committee meetings of IU International, parent firm of the developer of the proposed location.

In finding no basic fault with the approach for the proposed Narvon location, the Chamber listed three concerns:

First, the present access road to the Narvon site is totally

inadequate for the traffic it would need to bear. Suitable access to the site must be addressed immediately and responsibly.

Second, a responsible system of monitoring incoming waste should be established to insure that only inorganic materials of acceptable composition are brought to the site.

Third, that perpetual monitoring

of the ground water be established.

The Chamber statement expresses yet another concern — the past inability of government to deal with the issues of hazardous waste disposal. The Chamber issued a challenge to government, specifically the Pennsylvania DER, to provide leadership in the responsible siting of hazardous waste disposal areas.

Blouse, who was a member of the Public Participation Committee, said the statement was prepared in league with the Chamber's Executive Committee.

It was approved by the Chamber's Board of Directors. The Chamber Board includes one active farmer and several representatives of agribusiness in Lancaster County.

Del. - Md. dairy, livestock day studies stress

NEWARK, Del. — Dairy, beef, and sheep farmers from throughout the region are invited to a free seminar at the Sheraton Inn in Dover, Delaware. The event will be divided into two parts. The first session, on Wednesday, Feb 23, will deal with animal stress. The second, on Wednesday, March 2, will cover economic stress. Both will begin at 10 a.m. and adjourn at about 4 p.m.

High producing cows are most subject to stress, says University of Delaware Extension dairy specialist George Haenlein. The first day's program will show farmers how to keep their animals healthy and efficient under stressful conditions.

Dr. Phil Garrett, DVM, will begin the session with a reproductive practitioner's viewpoint of stress. Frank Gwazdauskas of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University will discuss the behavior of animals under stress in December, April, and July, and embryonic mortality under heat stress.

David Beede of Gainesville, Florida, will talk about problems of feed intake under heat stress. Herb Brodie from the University of Maryland will offer a practical approach to handling stress, and veterinarian Dr. Joe Manspeaker, also from the University of Maryland, will discuss sprinklers

and mastitis.

The second day's program will help farmers find ways to make a profit under stressful economic conditions, Haenlein explains. Keynote speaker will be Raymond Daniel, vice president of Chase Econometrics, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. He'll offer his views on how dairy farmers got into the present market condition and how they can adapt in the coming years.

Billy Lesley, University of Maryland agricultural economist, will explain how farmers can use budgeting as a tool for economic

analysis. Charlottesville, Va. banker STANley Forbes will discuss credit needs in agriculture. And finally, all of the day's speakers will join dairymen Ed Fry and Charles Hudson in a panel discussion of the options available to farmers.

The seminar is sponsored by the Delaware and Maryland Cooperative Extension Services and the Delmarva Dairy and Livestock Council. No registration is required. For more information contact Haenlein at 302/738-2523.

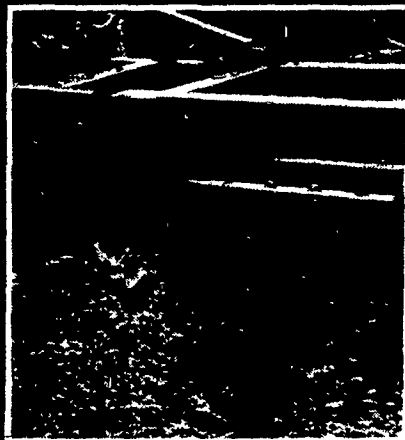


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