

Lancaster Co. planners oppose Narvon Mine dump

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Planning Commission this week unanimously expressed its strong opposition to the proposed location of the hazardous waste dump at the Narvon Mine.

"The Planning Commission wishes to state its strong opposition to locating the facility at Narvon in Lancaster County," a letter signed by Nancy M. Puffer,

Commission chairman, stated. "Furthermore, the Planning Commission urges the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to oppose the proposal and to include this letter in its comments to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources."

A comment by one of the Commission members, Donald A. Stollenwerk, apparently went to

the heart of the widespread long-range opposition that has developed to the proposed facility.

"I'm wondering if I've come to the conclusion that burial of our waste, particularly hazardous waste, is not a proper land use no matter where it occurs."

The Commission said it had received letters of comment from 273 citizens, 12 organized groups

and three industries. Only four citizens and the three industries expressed support for the proposed facility.

The Planning Commission said that it supports recycling and reuse of hazardous waste but recognizes that incentives are not presently in place to encourage this.

The Commission also stressed that the state must take the lead in reviewing the entire Commonwealth concerning waste disposal.

"A need exists to comprehensively review the entire state of Pennsylvania to identify areas where disposal sites will have the least environmental and social impacts," the commission said.

"The Planning Commission believes that this must be undertaken by the State, with ex-

tensive citizen, industrial and local government input, before individual sites are approved."

The Planning Commission said it opposed the proposed dump at Narvon for five reasons. In essence, these reasons include:

(1) Possible unforeseen pollution of surface or ground water in the area, which is largely agricultural and rural residential in nature.

(2) Inadequate access to the site, which is proposed to generate high volumes of truck traffic.

(3) Probability of pollution migration from the site that would likely increase as time went on.

(4) The proposed land use is incompatible with the existing rural residential and agricultural land use of the area.

(5) Adverse impact on tourism, the Amish culture and agriculture in Lancaster County.

Chile gets grain credit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sec. of Agriculture John R. Block has announced approval of a \$144.5-million package of blended credit and commercial credit guarantees for Chile.

Block said the credits will provide for the sale of about 700,000 tons of U.S. wheat and 300,000 tons of U.S. corn.

The package consists of \$31 million in blended credit for the purchase of 200,000 tons of wheat and \$113.5 million in guarantees under the regular credit guarantee program for the purchase of an additional 500,000 tons of wheat and 300,000 tons of corn.

Block said the package will enable Chile to increase its total

grain imports above earlier planned levels.

Under the Commodity Credit Corporation blended credit program, interest-free direct credits under the export credit sales program are blended with government-guaranteed bank credits under the export credit guarantee program.

ASCS sets '83 rates

WASHINGTON, D.C. — County loan and purchase rates for 1983-crop corn, wheat and sorghum were issued today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

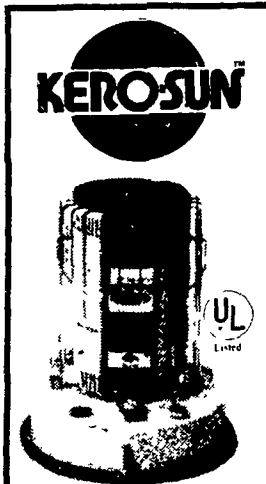
Everett Rank, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said some adjustments of county and state rates have been made to reflect such factors as prices received by farmers, production and consumption trends and transportation costs.

Rank said county rates for corn are based on the national average loan and purchase rate of \$2.65 per bushel announced earlier. The 1983 national rate for corn is 10 cents per bushel above the 1982 level, he said. Premiums were eliminated for corn with low moisture content, with a low percentage of broken kernels or foreign material. The discount was increased for heat damage and discounts for moisture now start at 14.01 percent moisture. These changes were made to bring premiums and discounts for corn into line with market conditions, Rank said.

Rank said the rates for wheat are based on the national average rate of \$3.65 per bushel which is 10 cents above the 1982 rate and are based on No. 1 grade wheat.

Rank said copies of the rates are available

from the cotton, grain and rice price support division, USDA-ASCS P.O. Box 2415 Washington, D.C. 20013.



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