



TO THE LANDFILL PROJECT OF PLOURAY-LA-POUBELLE



We want to have nothing of the attempted installation of a gigantic waste sorting centre and industrial waste landfill on 165 hectares (407 acres) in Plouray.

The firm concerned, GDE (Guy Dauphin Environnement), has tried to keep the land purchase secret and officially still hasn't got a clue about the capacity of the landfill. 150.000 tons a year? 250.000 tons? More than a hundred big trucks a day? Even more? Can we believe what they say when they say different things every time and when their bad reputation is being confirmed from several sides?

Being specialised in the shredding of cars, they have no experience in landfill management, which isn't very reassuring either. Their being convinced that it could be possible to "do what is necessary so that there will be no impact" (Le Poher, May 21, 2008) is a good indicator of their level of (in)competence.

What is certain is the planned installation of a moneymaking machine at the cost of the population of Plouray and its surrounding communities. The argument that the community would be paid 1.5 to 3 euros a ton is only valid for waste that doesn't come from GDE; since the waste is going to come from their Montoir car shredder site, the community will have all the harmful effects for free...

Sooner rather than later things will start to leak into the Ellé River, polluting it along most of its course. Apart from being a first-class fishing river – one of the oldest known salmon rivers – it also provides Gourin, Le Faouët and Quimperlé with drinking water, as well as several food processing plants.

There will be flammable waste, and, "For now, it is out of the question that an incinerator is planned in Plouray." (Le Poher) And for later? After all, the European Union wants to have all waste incinerated on the spot... The incinerator waste, very toxic, would then be buried on site as well. It would also be a handy spot for dumping the remains of the soon to be dismantled Brennilis nuclear plant nearby.

The fires, accidental or not, that are part of GDE's reputation, will spread dioxins over hundreds of square kilometres in all directions; the composition of the waste guarantees dioxin production. There will be situations like near Redon in 2007, where 500 square kilometres were contaminated with dioxins. More than a thousand cows were slaughtered and burnt in Guer (spreading the dioxins in the cows from there again) and 6 million litres of milk were destroyed. Let's think about the surrounding drinking water collection zones, like the one in Langonnet.

There is talk of transparency: indeed, when one tries to look for information and position taking by the people responsible, there isn't much to see... Let us not forget that the mayor has the possibility of stopping the project, and that legally he can be held personally responsible for the effects of his choices.

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