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Subject: Linden Road Article -Forwarded

Hi, Ken. FYI. I received a groupwise note from ERD Shiawassee District Project Mgr. Jim Innes regarding the article faxed to you today on the Linden Road (PRP) site – Genesee County (this site is also a featured DEQ Calendar item – see June 24 public comment deadline). Basically, Jim doesn't see any red flags on this, but you never know. (This is a PRP-listed site with a site score of 29 on a scale 1-48).

BKGR: No public meeting is being held on this PRP-lead site; Jim, however, was invited to talk about the site at a township board meeting. The "not in my back yard" sentiment was evident from some folks. Jim explained relative risk/exposure assumptions to folks present; stressed that there has been no movement of contaminants (mostly heavy metals, some low level PCB) to the groundwater, that leaching has not been a problem in the 30 years this landfill has been around; that the 30" soil cover proposed is a good cover for the landfill; that gw monitoring of site by General Motors (with DEQ oversight) will continue; and that closure will likely be either a limited recreational or site-specific.

Jim expects site will be ready for rec. use by likely Spring 2000 (or before, if vegetative cover is well established). The AYSO (American soccer association) supports this field – Jim has kept the local AYSO group informed all along.

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Flint Twp. concerned about landfill's new roles

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Flint Twp. - Officials raised safety concerns about plans to locate a soccer field and commercial property on a former landfill. General Motors, which owns the Linden Road site near W. Court Street and Calkins Road, unveiled a plan in October to develop the front 10 acres of the 40-acre property and use the rest for the Carman-Ainsworth American Youth Soccer League. From 1931 to 1969, the property was a GM landfill. Organic

solvents like trichloroethylene still remains in the water. A plan presented to the Township Board and residents during a public hearing Monday, did not ease officials' worries. "We just don't know if the (state) Department of Environmental Quality or General Motors knows enough about the future ramifications of kids using that as a soccer field," said Supervisor Sally Shaheen Joseph. "What they thought was safe 30 years ago turns out not to be (safe)." James E. Innes of the Environmental Response Division said

GM plans to remove waste from the front 10 acres along Linden Road and cover the remaining 30 acres with 30 inches of clean soil and grass. "I'm worried about our children," said Treasurer Sandra S. Wright. Another concern is the use of water by any commercial property that purchases the property from GM. The deed to the property would not require a buyer to use township water. "We are concerned about the water table," said Joseph. "We

don't want anyone to be able to tap into the water table, even though they tell us it's safe. We just don't know." Innes said tests reveal organic solvents in the water, but nearby properties that use wells have been unaffected. "There is no groundwater contamination migrating from the site," he said. Construction is expected to begin next spring. "They (GM) have the approval of the Planning Commission and the zoning, so there's nothing more we can do," said Joseph.