

# Midcoast Community Council

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Re: PLN2003-00396: CDP, Use Permit Amendment & Initial Study/Neg Dec to construct a material recovery facility on a sector of the existing landfill.

Dear China:

BFI employees, Bill Jones, Popia Gambelin, and Jim Gunderson attended our March 24, 2004 MCC meeting and presented the BFI project for the material recovery facility at the Ox Mountain landfill. They presented a brief background for the project and explained how the new facility would work.

The primary concerns expressed by the council members and the public involved the traffic impacts of this project on highway 92 both in terms of the quantity of additional traffic and the timing of that traffic in relationship to the commute hours.

Jim Gunderson explained that a lot of current customers will be redirected to the new facility, but that there will be some impact on traffic, the extent of such impact is unknown at this time. He also explained that much of the recycled product will be used on site, but some will have to be transported off site and this will have an additional traffic impact.

Regarding the timing of any increase of traffic, Jim Gunderson said they were open to all suggestions. Popia Gambelin offered to meet with council members to work on a plan for decreasing traffic. Two council members were appointed to meet with her, but unfortunately such a meeting has yet to take place.

Another issue that was raised was the cost of this facility and would any of the cost be passed on to the ratepayers. Jim Gunderson explained that they would address the financing issues after they received a permit for the facility.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Slater-Carter  
Chair, Midcoast Community Council