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**PROPOSED PREESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to further express my objection to the above proposed development. I find it nonsensical that such a major, potentially hazardous storage facility, for such a dangerous substance, be subject to re-assessment because some person has possibly found a LOOPHOLE in the previous rejection. THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER AND SHOULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY SOMEONE’S INTERPRETATION OF THE WAY A DOCUMENT IS PRESENTED. This brings a MAJOR SUBJECT down to the level of a TRIVIAL DECISION, almost as trivial as the toss of a coin.

I have lived in this area since birth, over 70 years ago, and have been warned as a child of the dangers associated with the SALT MINES and the related subsidence, collapse and formation of lakes. I understand that past earth collapses in the area have engulfed machinery and vehicles.

The geology of the area is far from suitable, containing fissures and voids stretching for considerable distances in a multitude of directions. The extent of these conditions is not known and therefore not able to be sealed to prevent leakage and escape. The adequacy of the geological survey to date is far from proven.

The environmental impact of such a facility is un-measurable, and guesswork MUST NOT be accepted as a reason for approval. The impact of approval would be far reaching in respect of environmental damage, in terms of distance and scope.

**IN NO WAY AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THIS PROPOSAL BE APPROVED.**
Trusting this objection will be acted upon in the manner in which will continue to provide safe and fear free conditions for the residents in the general vicinity. There is serious fear amongst the residents, regarding the SAFETY of this type of facility in this type of storage cavern. Coupled with the possibility of Fracking for gas within approx. 10 miles, the local population is living in fear.

Yours faithfully,

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