

LIDA Board Members  
5121A Coffey Avenue  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

RE: Penn-Mar Ethanol Plant

I am opposed to the planned location of the Penn-Mar ethanol plant in Cumberland Valley Business Park. I have very serious concerns that ethanol plants bring with them the serious risk of hazards from fire and explosion, reduction in residential and commercial property values, and odors, air pollution, and polluted waste water.

I understand that LIDA has toured the premiere ethanol plant in the country, but they have not toured any of the many, many other plants, nor have they spoken to residents around those plants.

The overwhelming evidence regarding the ethanol industry today is that, whether or not plant operators have good intentions, they simply haven't been able to resolve public health, safety, and welfare problems.

I am also very concerned about the fact that, according to the Public Opinion and other newspapers, if you put the plant on your property, everyone within 2.5 miles will be under the constant threat of an immediate evacuation, and people within 5 miles will have to stay inside and close their windows, in the event some of the chemicals or pollutants escape the plant. Problems like this have happened at other ethanol plants, so the threat is real.

I urge you to reconsider your position, and vote to terminate the Agreement of Sale between LIDA and Penn-Mar Ethanol at your March 7, 2005 meeting because of public health, safety, and welfare problems that have been, and still are associated with the ethanol industry.

Name:

Signature:

Address:

Township:

County

Date:

cc: Citizens for a Quality Environment