

August 8, 2000

Title VI Guidance Comments,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Civil Rights (1201)
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington,DC20460

Attention: Reggie Harris

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am very concerned about the proposed guidance documents that have been drafted by EPA on the VI guidance documents. I agree completely with the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia. I have listed the most outstanding things I believe that should be included in the documents.

EPA Should accept a complaint prior to the grant of a state permit.

EPA Should seek a stay of the permit.

EPA Should be able to rescind the permit.

Draft Recipient Guidance is more important than the Draft EPA Guidance

History, The largest medical waste incinerator in the nation, Medical Waste Associates, now known as Phoenix, could have been prevented from building the largest oversized facility in the nation. This facility has filed bankruptcy three times. A man was just killed at the plant. This is now under investigation. The residents could not afford an injunction. The plant was built in a depressed neighborhood. A neighborhood that had been relocated 4 years before. This plant was built on the site of the community play ground in Hawkins Point, Baltimore City zip 21226.This zip has one of the highest cancer rate in the State..

Please make sure my comments are entered into the record. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the meeting in Philadelphia. I would hope some day you will come to Maryland so you can allow the residents in need of this protection to speak to you in person. These above position was also taken by the Maryland Waste Coalition, a volunteer environmental group. I am vice president of that group. The new president is Doris McGuigan. Her address is [REDACTED] Brooklyn, MD 21225. Please send her your response as well.

Sincerely,

Mary Rosso