

My name is Jerry Holmes.

My wife and I live in a home that is less than one hundred yards from the Arrowhead Landfill property line nearest to its disposal area. We were plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the operators of the landfill due to its taking coal ash from Kingston, Tennessee. During the time that was going on, I was a vocal opponent of the landfill and its acceptance of coal ash. At that time, I had heard only one side of the argument over coal ash.

That lawsuit was settled because our lawyers couldn't find any evidence of any environmental problems from the coal ash and in fact had no evidence of it even leaving the landfill's property, getting into the water or any health problems it might have caused.

Since Green Group Holdings purchased Arrowhead Landfill in December of 2011, I have seen a real change in the openness of the landfill's management and operations. They have made an effort to reach out to the community and disclose the landfill's current and historic operating and environmental record. They have answered all my questions. I am not concerned about the safety of storing coal ash at Arrowhead Landfill and don't have any problem with more coal ash if it is put closer to the center of the property or near the railroad yard. I have become comfortable with Green Group and its operations due to the openness and high character I have observed in Green Group and its representatives.

Green Group has reacted to community concerns with action. They have relocated their entrance for the convenience and safety of the neighbors, improved local parks and contributed in many ways to the well being of children, our senior citizens and everyone in between. They are currently working to resolve a storm water issue of concern to one of my neighbors and to help organize a cemetery foundation in the community to preserve an old church cemetery.

Green Group's people have told me that we may not always agree on things but that they will always keep me informed and work to resolve any problems. They have shown that they mean that and I am sure that they will do everything they can operate the landfill in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. I am even more certain that whatever they do, they will be open in their communications and work with the community to lessen any potential impact that might result from their business operations.

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