

To the Land Use Committee;

This letter is a supplemental addition to my earlier letter (attached).

For clarification.....we are not a hobby farm. We have the agricultural deferral on our land and file federal taxes showing income from our property. We also filed a required agriculture census survey this past winter.

Not only do we have 300 blueberry bushes, which we are growing organically, we also have 9 pie cherry trees. Do you know how hard it is to find pie cherries this side of the mountains? Don't you just love a fresh cherry pie??? These are all for our u pick farm. No, I'm not certified organic due to costs, but we use no non organic fertilizers or pest controls. It's very important that the blossoms in the spring are pure, ie no dust and god knows what else on the flowers and plants. It's very important to keep our pollinators healthy and in abundant numbers. Just randomly, I came across the attached information regarding bees this morning. Please read. Without bees, we don't eat.

We also have chickens and sell the eggs. Perhaps you've heard of us...."Girls a-layin" It's very important to keep the girls healthy and they eat the grass, weeds and bugs. What they eat goes into the food supply and into you. You want them to eat healthy bugs.

Aside from the impact that it would have on our farm, it will impact every piece of ground, every flower, every tree, every insect, every bird, (you get the picture) for miles around.

Again, to emphasize, we are just below this proposed mega plant. Everything will settle down upon us and my neighbors who do grow food for their own use, the dust, dirt, chemicals, noise, everthing.

And if the plant is built, this will be an ongoing issue of things flowing downhill for ever.

I will let the others address the obvious traffic issues and safety hazards. Don't be a possum or chipmunk or child trying to cross a road out here.

Thank you for your time.

Mona & Jeff Ayles

37184 SE Lusted Rd

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I did not know this. I have local honey in my tea. Always using a metal spoon

Did you know that one of the world's first coins had a bee symbol?

Did you know that honey contains live enzymes?

Did you know that in contact with a metal spoon, these enzymes die? The best way to eat honey is with a wooden spoon; if you can't find one, use a plastic spoon.

Did you know that honey contains a substance that helps the brain work better?

Did you know that honey is one of the few foods on earth that alone can sustain human life?

Did you know that bees saved people from starvation in Africa?

That a spoonful of honey is enough to keep a man alive for 24 hours?

Did you know that propolis produced by bees is one of the most powerful natural antibiotics?

Did you know that honey has no expiry date because it's already been digested?

Did you know that the bodies of the world's greatest emperors were buried in gold coffins, then covered in honey to prevent putrefaction?

Did you know that the term "Honeymoon" (honeymoon) comes from the fact that the bride and groom consumed honey for fertility after their marriage?

Did you know that a bee lives less than 40 days, visits at least 1000 flowers and produces less than a teaspoon of honey, but for her it is the work of a lifetime.

Thank you precious bees! Mona Ayles







## **Character of the Area**

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**1. Full Name:** Jeff and Mona Ayles

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**3. Please describe the “character of the area” of where you live, and what do you like about it?**

We chose to move our family out of town 17 years ago. It's a rural environment, quiet and peaceful. We hear birds and frogs during all hours of the day. There are wild quail that run up and down the roads and lanes. Deer freely roam the fields between one neighbor and the other.

The nights are dark. I purchased a telescope several years ago to be able to look at the stars. I can see Jupiter and some of the moons, Saturn, you can actually see the rings! My grandkids, who live in the city, come out to spend time with Grammy and Granpy to look at the stars at night. They can't get that in the city. At night, it's so quiet it makes my ears hurt, and you can hear the Sandy River running over the hill. Yes, you really can! I couldn't believe how cool it was when I first figured out what I was listening too. It's so peaceful. Of course, until the owls start their dualing hoot calls back in the trees. We have eagles and hawks doing fly bys routinely, keeping an eye on my chickens. One of my passions is gardening. I have very large gardens, vegetable and flowers and take great pride in how beautiful and green they are. Our orchard and veggie garden is all organic along with our blueberry field. Construction up the hill will create an endless amount of dust that will settle down on everything. Who knows what will be in all that dust with construction smells polluting the air. And not just the flowers, but roofs, vehicles, fruit trees, equipment and livestock. We will never get any of that back, never. It will be gone from our neighborhood forever. In addition to all of this, we live “downhill” from the proposed plant. Any release of gases or materials will head downhill and settle in our area below Dodge Park Rd. The fire department has already stated that they don't have the capacity to handle emergencies of this nature which will leave ourselves and our neighbors, who are mostly aged, vulnerable to the effects of whatever is released. Having this manufacturing water plant in our neighborhood will forever change our area. We already experience water bureau trucks speeding by our driveway in the mornings on Lusted. With the plant we'll have them on Dodge Park too. Nights won't be dark anymore. There will always be that glow up the hill and the humming noise that will emanate 24/7.

**4. How would the proposed water filtration facility be inconsistent with what you described in #4?**

No longer would we be a rural location, with a water manufacturing plant up the street from us. No matter what PWB says there will be noise and light pollution. Traffic, construction trucks will see an endless parade up and down our road, dirt, mud and whatever would fall off the trucks is going to create road hazards for vehicles also traveling to and from home, as well as any walkers, of which there are many. Multnomah County DOES NOT maintain the roads now, just drive up Dodge Park to see for yourself and potholes are everywhere.

But the real question is WHO IS GOING TO HAVE TO DIE ON THE ROADS BEFORE THIS ISSUE IS TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. The guy who walks his collies up and down the road? The kids on their bikes? The couple who stop to pick blackberries or the lady who jogs up and down the road. There are no shoulders and construction trucks flying up and down the road will blow people off the sides. Oh, and I know you'll say, "Oh, they'll follow the speed limit." Do you really believe that, on a Friday afternoon when everyone's headed out for the weekend???

Well I could go on, but I think you get the idea. This is a rural farming area, quiet, peaceful and we are blessed to live where we do. This proposed facility has no business in a farming community.

**6. OPTIONAL: BONUS - Pictures and video will help our case!!** If you have pictures or video to support any of the above statements - for example pictures of the physical characteristics you are describing - please send to [cottrellcpo@gmail.com](mailto:cottrellcpo@gmail.com). All should have a time and date attached to be deemed admissible. If the photos were taken at a different location than your home address, please include that address or general location.



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## Additional comment - portland water project

1 message

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Thank you!

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