

# Athens County Commissioners



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James Zehringer, Director  
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2045 Morse Road  
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Dear Mr. Zehringer:

In light of the recent events The Board of Commissioners are requesting that a moratorium be enacted on the current K & H2 permit application site. We feel that a complete seismic study and review should be done of the area, after the 3.5 magnitude earth quake on November 20, 2013 in Athens County, and was felt in Little Hocking, near the K&H2 site, raises substantive concerns relevant to public health, safety, and environmental conservation. Among these are:

1. Peer-reviewed science research that documents recent increases in mid-continent earthquakes, many of which have now been linked to waste injection.
2. Incompleteness of data on the Athens 2013 quake point to the lack of seismic data for the region. See USGS: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/usb00012y3#scientific>

The study should look at whether citing an injection well in an active earth quake zone is proper. We also request that you set up seismic monitoring of this well as a condition of the permit. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your timely response.

If you have any other questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Lenny Eliason, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Chmiel".

Chris Chmiel, Vice-President

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