

Erin Nelson

From: livearth@citlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 5:01 PM
To: Erin Nelson
Subject: Disconnect comments

RE: Acton Disconnect Petition

August 28, 2023

Dear Bluff, Town Council,

SITLA itself is the very reason that the Town of Bluff needs to protect itself – because SITLA never has.

We heard at the meeting that SITLA, even though they say they have environmental protection as a high priority, really doesn't because they do not require environmental assessments that result in robust and effective storm water and air quality plans that are then put into place. The gravel pit is a perfect example. Before this gravel pit there was an asphalt plant in the same area that was even worse. Combine that with the fact that between them, both operations have dredged and dug all over that area for years. You can be sure there was no concern about storm water drainages.

Even though both of these things were mentioned at the August 15th meeting, I still didn't hear anything from SITLA that said they would start now to create, let alone comply with any sort of environmental plans that would mitigate these types of risks. We downwinders and down streamers are the ones who could suffer the effects – with damage to our property and in some cases to our health.

How can they – the Bluff Bench Disconnect landowners, be held accountable for these things?

Thank you and all my best,

Theresa Breznau

Also, because these are lands in Bluff: The BLM/SITLA swap lands:

For the BLM to suddenly swap the riparian river trail lands with SITLA, an organization that has proven its disregard for environmental concerns here in Bluff, is not only antithetical to the BLM's own purpose and mission, it is completely counter to the actions that the BLM has already been taking here in the town for years in regard to these river trail lands.