

Dickinson County Supervisors
1802 Hill Avenue, Suite 1400 • Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360



July 25, 2018

The Honorable Kimberly Reynolds
Iowa State Capitol
1007 E Grand Ave #101
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds,

The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors is writing you with a most urgent concern about the decision to transport the contaminated soil (sludge) from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train derailment near Doon, Iowa, to the Dickinson County Landfill. We understand the decision was made for two reasons; Waste Management has a standing contract with BNSF and secondly, because this landfill has what the DNR says is the proper lining to contain the contaminated sludge. We are aware that the permit has been approved along with a variance allowing the burial of this contaminated soil without pre-treatment. There is a public outcry and genuine fear of the long-term effects on water quality of this material coming to the landfill. We implore you to take action to halt the movement of this contaminated soil to the DC landfill. It is our request for your help in facilitating a meeting of experts regarding the potential ramifications of any contamination or seepage into the waterways of the Iowa Great Lakes. This meeting could help educate everyone on the chemical contents of this sludge, the processes and requirements to bury the sludge and what actually takes place once the sludge is buried. It is only right that we, as leaders in government, know we are doing the right thing for not only our constituents but for the protection of the Iowa Great Lakes for all of Iowa.

Sincerely and respectfully,

The Dickinson County Board of Supervisors

CC Senator Chuck Grassley
 Representative Steve King
 Senator Joni Ernst
 State Representative John Wills
 State Senator David Johnson