

RESOLUTION NO. 94- 48

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMMISSION NOT AMEND CHAPTER 17-701, F.A.C., WHERE IT CONCERNS REVISING THE EXISTING DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDFILL LINERS AS PROPOSED BY THE SIERRA CLUB AND MID FLORIDA MINING.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the present landfill liner design requirements of Chapter 17-701, F.A.C., according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provide appropriate protection to the groundwater of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Technical Advisory Group have recommended against revising the existing landfill liner design requirements; and

WHEREAS, most of the liner clays in Florida are mined in the Ocala area and are not available throughout the State, thereby limiting their availability and the possibility of a competitive marketplace which could result in a significant increase in price; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes in the landfill liner design requirements would result in an increase of construction costs, in some instances of 110%; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the landfill liner design requirements would result in a maximum increased efficiency in leachate capture of only 0.004% and that it is not within technical capabilities to have a 100% guarantee that the liner system will not leak; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the landfill liner design requirements would appear to result in an insignificant increase of the amount of leachate captured to 0.005 gal./person/year; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County's liability in regards to contamination of groundwater is not appreciably altered by the proposed changes to the landfill liner design requirements; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the proposed changes to the landfill liner design requirements may be detrimental to the citizens of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds that would be required to construct the revised landfill liner systems can otherwise be used to support more effective and protective measures for the ecosystems of St. Johns County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that request is made to urge the State of Florida's Environmental Regulation Commission, to adhere to the recommendations of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Technical Advisory Group and not amend or revise the landfill liner design requirements of Chapter 17-701, F.A.C.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 22 day of March, 1994.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: Allan Roberts
Its Chair -Allan Roberts

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

BY: Anna Pasette
Deputy Clerk

