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Subject: Asphalt Waste

Dear Shalom,

I wonder if you can help me with an enquiry that I received from a concerned member of the public from Greenwood (she saw me on ATV talking about drinking water safety and got my phone number from the TV station).

She is concerned about the dumping of asphalt waste from the Greenwood air field in an unapproved dump that is close to a river and not too distant from the well heads that provide the drinking water for Greenwood.

Her question to me was about the environmental and health risks from asphalt waste. She has been told by local government authorities that it is "inert" and "harmless". This is not my area of knowledge but I find this hard to believe. She is seeking any scientific papers on the issue and any statements about the safety of asphalt waste from government agencies. Have you any knowledge of this area or of someone I could contact to get some answers?

The WAB does not seem the same without your lively interest and participation. Construction and demolition waste disposal sites have dominated the agenda for the last 2 meetings.

Regards, Barry

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