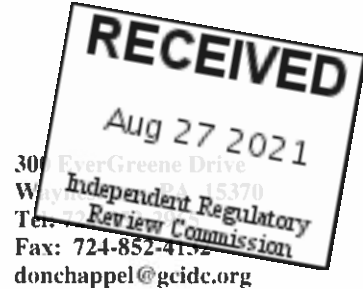




Greene County Industrial Developments, Inc.



August 27, 2021

Chairman Bedwick,

Though I am unable to attend the hearing next week, I'd like to send you a few comments concerning the IRRC. Coal, natural gas and farming are the backbone industries in Greene County. Personally I was an underground coal miner for 15 years at Emerald Mine here in Waynesburg, Greene County. To this day I remain a dues paying member of the United Mine Workers of America.

As I transitioned into the economic development field, I soon realized natural resources are the Greene County economy. Several thousand people are employed in the coal and gas fields across the landscape of Greene County.

Let's move further up I-79 north to other counties in Southwestern PA, and you will see gas drilling equipment from your car as you travel. To Northeast PA, former home of Anthracite Coal and now a hotbed for natural gas.

Nothing coming from the Wolf Administration is currently heading our way to alleviate current and future happenings surrounding your hearing. This is our livelihood and I urge the commission to consider the future of our entire state whose utilities depend on minerals taken from the ground in Greene, Fayette, Washington, Indiana, Butler, Westmoreland counties to name a few. No knee jerk reaction will solve all of the problems but time and cooperation will. The utilities are striving to reduce emissions. Let's give them a chance. I urge you to consider your decision carefully.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Chappel
Executive Director

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