

# Village of Valatie

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Hon. Diane Argyle  
Mayor

Melissa Martino-Morin  
Clerk - Treasurer

February 20, 2014

Mr. Fleming,

Enclosed is a copy of the Village of Valatie's Resolution regarding the Dewey Loeffel disposal site. We do appreciate the efforts being made and the information being supplied. Unfortunately, there are still too many questions and doubts that remain.

The residents of the Town of Nassau and beyond have been "dumbed" on with dangerous materials. The history of this site is a collection of failures, mistrusts, misinformation's, and just a horrible mess. When the EPA walked into this mess, we should have been relieved, but that isn't happening because of their missteps (or at least their lack of information). Hopefully that will change and we can move forward with some trust and openness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Argyle".

Mayor Diane Argyle

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## Dewey Loeffel Resolution

Village of Valatie Resolution calling on the United States Environmental Protection Agency, New York State Department of Environmental Commission and the polluting companies to stop further contamination of the Dewey Loeffel site in the Town of Nassau, and to remediate such site in the most expedite and safest methodology presently available.

**Whereas** the Village acknowledges that such contamination has already affected the Valatie Kill, Kinderhook Lake, and Kinderhook Creek and further contamination is unacceptable.

**Whereas** the Village acknowledges that the EPA and the polluting companies are trying to remediate the Dewey Loeffel site by processing leachate liquids to stop further contamination.

**Whereas** the Village is very concerned with the procedure of draining “cleaned” liquids into the Valatie Kill. We acknowledge the fact the “cleaned” liquid process is better than shipping contamination to other locations, but the Village demands a guarantee that the “cleaned” liquids is “cleaned enough” and tested for all possible chemicals that adversely affects all possible living beings.

**Whereas** the Valatie Board is concerned for the safety and well-being of our residents that “cleaned” liquids have “acceptable” levels of chemicals which are safe for swimming, fishing, and drinking. Our wells are located close to Kinderhook Creek even though they are probably not affected.

**Whereas** the Valatie Board acknowledges that the Town of Nassau and the organization, Uncage, have been working diligently monitoring the land fill and fighting for its resident’s safety and for the Village of Valatie, the Town of Kinderhook, and Columbia County residents, we extend our thanks and gratitude.

**Whereas** the Village acknowledges, we, the Valatie Board and residents will do more to support the Town of Nassau, Uncage, and the EPA in their efforts to clean up the Dewey Loeffel site and to closely monitor these efforts. It is our environment being affected, and must be more protected for our children’s future.

By Order of Village of Valatie

Adopted: February 11, 2014



Mayore Diane Argyle