# Zane wins state vow to review PCB burn

TRENTON — New Jersey Commissioner of Envrionmental Protection Daniel O'Hern reportedly promised a Sen. Raymond J. Zane, D-3, that he will review the proposal to burn potentially cancer causing material at the Rollins Environmental Services Co. plant near Bridgeport before deciding whether the controversial incineration should begin.

According to a spokeswoman from Zane's Woodbury office, O'Hern said he would ask the state Department of Health to assess the possibility that the incineration at Rollins, a hazardous waste disposal plant, could pose health problems to local residents. He said a test burn scheduled for next month will not proceed until the analysis is completed.

Zane said he pointed out that although the surrounding area is not heavily developed now, the nearby Beckett development is espected to add several thousand residents to the region within the next decade. He also noted the Logan Township Elementary School is located within one mile of the plant.

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Freeholder Harry Kennedy proposed a resolution to postpone the burning of PCBs during a meeting of the Gloucester County sold waste committee on Monday. The NEWS was unable to confirm if action has been taken to put it on the Freeholder's agenda for the next Monday meeting.

Woolwich Fire Company, Swedesboro, Monday voted to oppose the burning of PCBs at Rollins because their homes and families are located in the direction of the prevailing west winds. They also are objecting to any burning there because of failure of the company to consider 9 recommendations made in 1978 following the 1977 fire. This concerned the Mutual Aid Plan that joins the Swedesboro company with Bridgeport and Repaupo companies in forming a First Call Mutual Fire Company plan. The firemen recommend that no burning be allowed until all recommendations have been complied to.

A copy of the letter has hand delivered to DEP officials attending the session.

## School officials await dates for burns for scheduling

BRIDGEPORT - Officials of the Logan Township Board of Education are still waiting for word from three official sources that will control the controversial test burn of PCBs scheduled at the Rollins Plant.

The proposed dates have been canceled because of continued delays in construction of a special tank at the Rte. 322 plant where picketing has been carried on for the past ten days.

School officials have post office receipts that letters containing their requests for the exact dates and times of the proposed test burns of the alleged cancer producing elements at high temperatures have been received. However, replies on the questions from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Solid Waste Division, and the Environmental Protection Agency, Washington and Rollins Environmental Services have not been received, the administration says.

A spokesman for the board said Tuesday that the information is needed to plan the sessions to comply with school law. For instance, he said, if the burn is to take place on a school day from 2 to 7 p.m., then classes could be held till 1 p.m. and then the school be dismissed. This plan would enable the children to fill the requirements for a full day's session.

Dr. Ronald Buchanan, of DEP, Ms. Carol Asen, EPA, and Ed Ashby, vice-president of the Wilmington, Del. based firm, are being credited with ignoring school requests.

A letter outlining the details was sent home with school children on Tuesday.

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