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Sir,

After reviewing the issues and concerns of residents, environmentalists, and others concerned about this polluted ground, it is clear that both, immediate and long-term remedial measures are needed to assuage the medical and environmental dangers.

First, using the best available information at this time, the most polluted sites need to be immediately cleared of contaminated soil as deeply as the identified contaminants exist. The most friable of the known contaminants must be given highest priority to stop their leaching into the groundwater and their subsequent appearance in the waters flowing into Little Valley Creek. You are reminded that Little Valley Creek is classified as a stream of Exceptional Value and enjoys the lawful protection from pollution. This designation makes it incumbent on PA DEP to implement rapid measures to remove chemicals with potential toxicity to aquatic organisms within the entire food chain. One could argue that this would include human beings eating the fish caught in Little Valley Creek.

Second, immediate investigations into the presence and risks of other chemicals must begin and measures taken for their eventual removal or decontamination. These secondary remedial measures must be effected as soon as the substances are known and safe measures identified for their removal.

Long term, the surface of that 16-acre site must be sealed off as would other brown sites and planned as a green area, with vegetation cover, wooded areas, and other amenities for intermittent public use, but never be zoned for permanent residential use.

Sincerely,

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