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I am a husband and father of 3 children, I moved to my home on Hwy 198 in 2005 hoping to raise my children and spend the rest of my life in the beautiful North Georgia Foothills. Back then the air was clear, the days and nights were peaceful, I could see each and every star in the sky, Indian creek was clear and full of life, and the local wildlife filled the land and trees. Unfortunately, all of that has ceased to exist.

Ever since the GRP Power Plant on 198 has begun operating, our lives living in Franklin County have changed dramatically. The representatives of the Power Plant have said there would be no sound, emissions, residue, ash, or any damage to the environment. All of these statements have proven to be false. What they said they would be burning has changed, construction debris and railroad ties are very different than clean wood chips and chicken manure. Not to mention changing what they originally said about the amount of truck traffic there would be.

I find it hard to believe that this "Power Plant" was able to get the votes to ever be built here. Much less our representatives allowing this to turn into what it has become. I surely hope they will properly represent us in making this right. By making it right, I mean keep our county at least as peaceful, clean, and full of wildlife as it was when we moved here. Lastly, I expected them to ensure that our property values would at least remain the same. I am truly concerned that they have plummeted.

In my opinion, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager should have done more research on the effects of the plants impact on Franklin County. Their Mission Statement: Provide the highest quality services in a fiscally responsible manner to promote the health, safety and general welfare of all Franklin County citizens.

I know there are many others that share my concerns and I am confident this will not be the last that you hear from us.

Sincerely,

Rodney Pearcy