



Newsletter 5 | November 2022

Hi everyone,

Please find below the 5th newsletter with the latest news from the Carrière de Chauvilly. Useful to read.

The Calm Before the Storm

Last June, the investigating judge suspended the activity of inert waste storage facility (ISDI) of Chauvilly, following the analyzes of the Municipality of Cessy confirming the results of the Atena association on pollution oozing at the edge of the site. Covering with rubble a site whose condition has not been clearly characterized would indeed be the worst thing to do.

As a result, no more trucks come to deposit rubble through Cessy (there would have been more than a hundred per day), which allows us to benefit from relative calm and opens an opportunity to carry out a complete impact study, although this is not yet acquired.

A temporary calm

Unfortunately, pending the judgement on the merits, this situation can only be temporary. In addition, the prefecture has not yet given any sign of any willingness to deepen studies on the site. Finally, no action to eliminate pollution has yet been implemented although it has actually been measured and detailed by the Town Hall.

Why keep fighting?

The Council of State confirmed last September, in another case, the "right of everyone to live in a balanced and health-friendly environment" as a fundamental right. While this may seem very late, he is particularly pleased that such a decision has finally been taken. So that this does not remain an abstract desire or a dead letter, each citizen is called to make his contribution to maintaining the conditions of balance of his environment, for today and tomorrow, for all those who will follow us.

Let us ensure that we leave a healthy and preserved living environment

In the Pays de Gex, we are particularly spoiled by the richness of our landscapes and ecosystems, by the quality of air and water, as well as by the economic liveliness. Other territories experienced such levels of development in the 60s to 80s, in some Parisian suburbs or on the Côte d'Azur for example, but this level of growth is now an exception. Past experiences have often been the cause of environmental and social disasters of which we are recently beginning to become aware. We and our children will pay the price for a long time to come.

It is therefore a duty for our representatives, but also for each of us, to learn from these past experiences so as not to repeat them.

The storage project in the heart of an agglomeration is a nonsense

Proposing a huge storage site for inert waste in the heart of the agglomeration clearly represents an imbalance that has not escaped the inhabitants. Several hundred of them wrote their disapproval to the prefecture. However, this strong mobilization was not taken into account. Worse, it was completely ignored. The heavy liabilities of the site (pollution, environmental accidents) over the last thirty years are, paradoxically, at the origin of this headlong rush, in order to avoid the substantial investments necessary to restore the balance.

An impact study is more than necessary

Only an impact study will make it possible to define its scope.

Not to do so today is heavy negligence. This is not an opinion but a way of looking at the respect due to each of us and our children. In 30 years, no one will be interested in friendships, enmities of today, political postures or affiliations. Only the site will remain and what we have done with it. Chauvilly is a close and concrete example of what needs to be corrected.

We are committed to this and are ready for the storms to come. This newsletter is available in French on [our website](#)

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