



Farm Group to discuss Conoy plant

Ephrata Area Young Farmers are inviting the public to a meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Ephrata High School about Perdue's proposed soybean-crushing plant in Conoy Township.

Be prepared for a dog-and-pony show staged by question-dismissing corporate outsiders who will make wild promises to, and otherwise overwhelm, about-to-be-polluted local residents.

The Lancaster County Agriculture Council has released a so-called "fact sheet" that ignores: 1) giving Perdue \$8.75 million from taxpayers despite its \$5 billion yearly income; and 2) this quote from Lancaster Newspapers: "The proposed Perdue soybean-crushing plant in Conoy Township would emit such a large quantity of the air pollutant hexane that the company would have to pay for the reduction of smog-producing gases elsewhere."

Having already profited by dumping over five million pounds of hazardous hexane into Maryland and Virginia air, Perdue appears to be using this meeting to excuse its poisoning Pennsylvania air for profit.

Perdue plans to emit 245 tons of nerve-damaging, smog-producing hexane into our already polluted air each year -- in spite of local temperature inversions that prevent the toxic pollution from dispersing.

Ephrata farmers and all other air-breathers should send Perdue packing before it opens any new factory here.

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