



Simply the risk is not worth the return

The Department of Health of New York released a study in 1998. One section of the

study concludes “A statistically significant elevation of cancer risk was found for bladder cancer and leukemia for females. The study estimated a four–fold elevation of risk for bladder cancer and leukemia among women.”

Not only the ladies, but everyone will be affected, with low birth rates, dermatitis, respiratory irritation, neurological systems, and pancreatic cancer.

A few dollars is simply not worth the risk of sickness and death. There is simply no way that a landfill liner, or any amount of dirt can keep the nasty, contaminated, toxic, dangerous, items in a landfill from reaching the environment after an extended period of time.

A hazardous material as defined by The Institute of Hazardous Materials Management is

“any item or agent (biological, chemical, physical) which has the potential to cause harm to humans, animals, or the environment, either by itself or through interaction with other factors.” The things placed in this landfill are hazardous materials, even though they may not be labeled as such. Just think of the things that a trash bag may contain. Cherokee Co. does not need to bury everyone else’s hazardous materials in our back yards and sacrifice our citizens’ lives.

The information contained in this brief article was derived from and even quoted from the following sources:

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/press/releases/1998/landfill.htm>
<http://www.ihmm.org/dspWhatIsHazMat.cfm>