

Dear North West Georgia Leaders,

Thank you for your attendance at the North West Georgia Regional Commission meeting September 13, 2021, at 10:00am in Rome, GA.

We at EDOG (Environmental Defense of Georgia) would like to be clear on where we stand on the real issues facing the Poultry Industry and Public Health in the 15 counties of North West Georgia.

1. EDOG believes that the two Applications filed March 15, 2021, in Murray County Georgia for two 500Acre tracts with 52 poultry houses on each could result in as many as 104 poultry houses less than one mile from the Coosawattee River. We believe and look to prove this would result in an environmental disaster for all downstream and in the area. Water, Air, Land.
2. EDOG believes Application #Z21-13 filed on May 6, 2021, in Gordon County Georgia on 577 Acres for 24 houses to “as many as can be allowed” may result in 64 houses at one location. This site is less than 1 mile from the Coosawattee River. The site in this application is less than 3 miles downstream of the Murray County Application. We believe and look to prove this Gordon County site would result in an environmental disaster for all downstream and in the area. Water, Air, Land.
3. EDOG believes and looks to prove that the allowance of both counties’ application, or one of the applications could put public health and poultry health at risk across the 15 counties of NW Georgia and the state of Alabama. Water, Air, Land.
4. EDOG believes and looks to prove that this type of poultry operations could put the poultry industry of 15 counties of NW Georgia and the world poultry industry at risk of diseases. This would be a catastrophic loss for the poultry industry and to our food supply. Water, Air, Land.
5. EDOG hopes someone can prove us wrong. We acknowledge some poultry industry experts believe that there is no reason for alarm, “this is all a myth”. Water, Air, Land.
6. EDOG believes that all must come together: private, public, government (local, state, federal, industry, integrators (Tyson, Pilgrims, Koch, Mar-Jac, Perdue, etc.), users, & retail (Chick fil A, KFC, etc.) to find a way to make water, air, & land harmless for everyone. Otherwise, our grandchildren will not have safe water to drink or safe chicken nuggets to eat.
7. EDOG wonders why one small group of people at one address on one small road in Murray County Georgia (Cagle Rd, Chatsworth, GA) would want to put the largest concentration of chicken houses (approx. 168 poultry houses or 6.5 million birds in one small area). This number would be close to 40% of the total poultry being grown in Murray County or close to 25% of the total poultry grown in Gordon County. Why would they want to put the largest concentration of poultry in North America within a few miles of their own chicken farms? If anyone knows the answer, please let someone know!

It’s Where We Live!!

Thank you,

Al Stone, Jr.
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