

# East Galway: SITE FOR SORE EYES



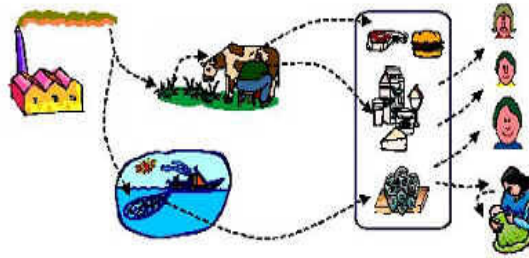
**East Galway Against Incineration  
E.G.A.I**

*Planning permission is being proposed to build a waste incinerator and two land fill sites, one for waste and one for the toxic by-product of the incinerator, at the Tynagh Mines Site in East Galway. Do you live within 40 miles of this site ?*

## Do These Issues Affect YOU ?

Incinerators emit DIOXINS and toxic FLY ASH as well as other contaminants that can travel up to a 40 mile radius.

The pollutants are absorbed into water, soil and vegetation. Humans and mammals are high up the food chain and so absorb the greatest concentrations, (United Nations Environment Programme, 2004).



## **What are the Health Risks?**

- Cancer
- Impairment of the immune, hormonal, and reproductive systems
- Congenital abnormalities
- Delayed cognitive and motor development in children
- Disruption of critical stages of embryonic development (FSAI, 2004. Chase, 2004. IDPH, 2004.)

Dioxin exposure can cause a severe form of skin rash called chloracne, small, yellow skin lesions that may last from weeks to years. Dioxins also cause short-term liver dysfunctions without any visible symptoms, (I.D.P.H, 2004).

## **The Tynagh Mines Site**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) described the Tynagh Mines site as a "Toxic Time Bomb" with high levels of arsenic, lead, cadmium and zinc, (Independent News). An incinerator and landfill will add to the pollution and the E.G.A.I. believe this site should not be disturbed.

Streams adjacent the Tynagh Mines lead into other streams that flow into the Shannon. The potential pollution knows no boundaries.

## **Other Areas**

In other EU countries cows milk and cattle had to be destroyed due to pollution from an incinerator.

The 1999 Belgian dioxin crisis caused huge restrictions on trade of milk, dairy products, beef, pork, poultry and eggs based foods. (Brussels, 2001).

Other Counties in Ireland are fighting against having an incinerator in their locality for the same reasons. It affects HEALTH, WEALTH and OUR LIVIHOODS.

## **Property Prices**

An incinerator could devalue all property in East Galway and neighbouring areas. Would you buy a house or land with one or more of the following conditions:

The land is contaminated with high levels of dioxins.  
The air is contaminated with high levels of dioxins.  
The water is contaminated with high levels of dioxins.  
The farm animals are contaminated with high levels of dioxins.

No ..... Me Neither

## **HOW WILL AN INCINERATOR AFFECT YOU & YOUR FAMILY ?**

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eg-ai@hotmail.com. Public meeting times to be published in Connacht Tribute notes and mass leaflets.***