

## **APPENDIX B-2**

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### Inarajan Public Scoping Meeting, July 7, 2004, Inarajan Mayor's Office

Date	From	Comments
July 7, 2004	Esther Manglona, Malojjoj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that landfill in Dandan will pollute Ugum River and affect potable water source and fishing.</li> <li>Uses Dandan site for walking, farming cows, pigs, goats, and chickens.</li> <li>Landfill in Dandan is not fair.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	No Name I1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will garbage be handled, recycled, and sorted before placement into the dump site?</li> <li>Concern about effect on property values with dump in Malojjoj area.</li> <li>How long will it take to build and prepare dump site?</li> <li>What steps would be taken to prevent the smell and fires?</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	Inarajan Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is going to manage the landfill? Are we going to trust the gov't?</li> <li>Landfill will be a joke.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	Norma M. Cruz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that poor road conditions, narrow bridges, potholes, winding roads, and narrow highway have potential for car accidents and injuries.</li> <li>Concerned that contamination would kill vegetation.</li> <li>Absolutely objects to Dandan site for landfill.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	John E. Farnum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why only 3 sites picked?</li> <li>Will landfill operations affect health of our people?</li> <li>Landfills should be only a temporary fix.</li> <li>Need to establish incineration system as well as a recycling system.</li> <li>Presentation uses U.S. mainland examples, but Guam is very small.</li> <li>Is Uncle Sam going to be paying the cost in constructing these landfills?</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	Salome Q. Ocampo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who will manage the proposed landfill? If Gov't of Guam, will it go as proposed or will it be a newer Ordot Dump?</li> <li>Who makes the final decision on the location of the landfill? If it is voted upon by the total population, the people of Inarajan will have no voice because we are few in numbers.</li> <li>Instead of charging a tipping fee, let every taxpayer pay a set fee that is collected or deducted when they file their taxes which must be earmarked specifically for trash removal and disposal.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	No Name I2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect wild animals and don't harm them.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	M. Manglona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the landfill is built in Dandan, will the farmers stop farming? This is where I get my fresh vegetables! This is where I get my fresh fruits. This is where my family has 25 cows, more than 35 goats and lots of chickens.</li> <li>Every day we go here to feel the fresh breeze and the beauty of the mountains. And I do my walking in the peaceful streets and no traffic street of Dandan. It is not fair! 30-50 million dollars is not a state of art.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	No Name I3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate information at meeting, does not address public's concerns.</li> <li>Poor presentation and mediation at scoping meeting.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	Art Taimanglo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wants copy of Power Point presentation.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	Angelica T. Mantanona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First of all north or south it does not matter. We, the people need a site to place our waste. I would like to propose a solution. Instead of a landfill we create a site that recycles, reuses, &amp; controls toxic chemicals and metallic waste. The point I'm making is instead of dumping the waste all together if we separate it we just might improve our situation on this island.</li> </ul>

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July 7, 2004	Rose Farrell Sizemore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do we have to wait for the landfill to recycle? Why doesn't DPW and Government of Guam begin neighborhood recycling program? Why isn't public provided with public service announcements to encourage recycling? Business should be required to pay for recycling of the bottles they sell.</li> <li>• Little to no maintenance or sanitation of government or privately owned commercial trucks.</li> <li>• Questioned Preliminary Landfill Site Suitability Report ranking of Dandan as number 1, regardless of exclusionary criteria that ruled out southern Guam and Talofoto/Ugum watershed. Isn't Dandan location adjacent to Ugum River (map on p. 15 of report)?</li> <li>• Aren't farmers or farmland to east of Dandan significant enough? Suggests that Lonfit or Sabanan Batea area be zoned M-2, far away from agricultural zone or farmland.</li> <li>• Isn't Dandan part of historic Guam?</li> <li>• Most roads on Guam need repair. Critical of Government of Guam's ability to improve or upgrade road conditions to Yona or Inarajan to support landfill site.</li> <li>• Populated areas in north and central parts of island will produce largest amount of waste. Even with transfer stations, increased distance to south and cost of fuel consumption should be considered.</li> <li>• Aren't farmers or farmland to east of Dandan significant enough? Suggests that Lonfit or Sabanan Batea area be zoned M-2, far away from agricultural zone or farmland.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	Loretta Chargualaf Rollins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about potential for landfill to fail from high winds and flooding from rain, and earthquakes.</li> <li>• Landfill poses hazard to South's unique source of future drinking water.</li> <li>• Landfill will pose breathing hazard should prevailing winds shift in a southeasterly direction. Concerned with potential stench from landfill.</li> <li>• Visibility of landfill will be public eyesore to tourists and commuters.</li> <li>• How can one repair a guaranteed leak to several leaks under tons of trash?</li> <li>• Concerned that cost will drive landfill construction and operation. What makes us think the developers will pay out funds for road improvements and constant monitoring once the super landfill is in place?</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	Larry Portela	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical of landfill liners. Cited GeoServices study on liner leakage.</li> </ul>
July 7, 2004	Vicente Taitague	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project negatively impacts the local residents' efforts to promote their village as a natural, well-manicured village. Everybody knows the residents of Inarajan work hard to showcase their village to our visitors.</li> <li>• Government should relocate project to site with less impact, such as Yona and Asan, where landfill will not affect farming activities, displace human beings, or affect a potable water source.</li> <li>• This landfill project at Dandan will eat up 3,000 acres of prime agricultural land and displace more than 200 farmers on this tract of land. This project does not demonstrate maximum use of our limited resources because it takes away the livelihood of our hardworking farmers. Government will not relocate farmers but throw them out onto street; most likely they will end up on the Food Stamp Program.</li> </ul>

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### Yona Public Scoping Meeting

Date	From	Comments
July 8, 2004	No name Y1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it ok for AAFB to build landfill over aquifer but not for GovGuam?</li> <li>• Does this public process impact the site selection decision?</li> <li>• Are they going to implement medical monitoring law?</li> <li>• How will wetlands be mitigated?</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	No Name Y2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern about proximity to houses –smoke if it catches on fire</li> <li>• Prefers Dandan –away from aquifer.</li> <li>• Proximity to Leo Palace –incompatible with recreation activities.</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	No Name Y3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put landfill in area least likely to affect aquifer.</li> <li>• Incorporate incinerator with landfill.</li> <li>• Why not use stateside model? Use local example.</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	No Name Y4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you plan on having a bioreactor landfill?</li> <li>• Will the gas collection system be active or passive?</li> <li>• Do you plan on having a wastewater treatment plant or will you have the leachate treated at a municipal wastewater treatment plant?</li> <li>• Are you planning on charging by the ton or cubic yard?</li> <li>• Does the present soil meet the density criteria 10 x 1/10000000 or how do you plan to protect the aquifer?</li> <li>• Is there ample daily cover or is an alternate daily cover envisioned?</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	No Name Y5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why not in north like AAFB? (Andersen Air Force Base)</li> <li>• Why move the landfill if its going to be right across the street?</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	No Name Y6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who makes decision on location, when it will be made?</li> <li>• Learn how sites are different from each other.</li> <li>• How will comments be used after the meeting?</li> <li>• How come info was not disseminated to each village mayor before this meeting?</li> <li>• Concerned that environment for site selection is politicized.</li> <li>• Who is in charge of this process?</li> <li>• Moving rotten apples from one basket to another.</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	Rosita Mendiola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a deadline for construction 2007 –are we doing to assist /provide awareness to recycling and its benefits? i.e., schoolchildren, homes, etc.</li> <li>• Will the “closed” landfill cells ever become “recoverable” lands for future use? If so, what “time” frame of recovery are we discussing? Are there plans also being designed as an end state?</li> <li>• Transfer stations –what preparation and sanitary precautions will be implemented? Site identifications? How many? Designs?</li> <li>• Tipping fees –discuss households that cannot due to economics/low income pay for their share of trash collection /pick-up. What would be their relief? Also consider fairness with those who pay.</li> <li>• When can we start recycling? Based on cost for compilement /storage and reshipping, can we work with other islands to equalize or show costs to recycle facilities?</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	No Name Y7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility of an incinerator?</li> <li>• Possibility of harnessing power (electrical) from the incinerator?</li> <li>• Whose property will be used? Who will profit?</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	No Name Y8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why are you closing Ordot Dump?</li> <li>• Why are you going to put landfill in Pulantat?</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	Rosita Mendiola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since current returns for recycling do not yield \$ at household consumption levels, perhaps the volume of recycling would yield a return at the landfill volume and assist in payment for itself in terms of getting the items shipped to off-island recycle facility. The simple act of recycling should satisfy the natives through education and protecting the environment (the island). Thus the trash yields through recycling should pay for itself. Natives trash may be the government’s treasure through recycling.</li> </ul>
July 8, 2004	No Name Y9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total cost: \$1.1 million; Profit: \$1 million; Expenditures: \$0.1 million</li> </ul>

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### Asan Public Scoping Meeting

Date	From	Comments
July 12, 2004	Bernadette Bell, Ordot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lonfit should have never been an option. For people who still have sense in their heads, Lonfit is not an option and tell that to the Federal judge!</li> </ul>
July 12, 2004	No name A3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will the government be charging more or less than what is being charged now on fees for this service?</li> </ul>
July 12, 2004	No name A4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the sanitary landfill similar to central park?</li> </ul>
July 12, 2004	Mark Mendiola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe drinking water should be of major importance.</li> <li>• At what degree or point system do you use to determine what level of contamination is acceptable? Minimum standards, or do you guarantee 100% no contamination for life of the landfill?</li> <li>• In the event of contamination, what procedures will be in place to mitigate lasting environmental impact?</li> </ul>
July 12, 2004	Loretta Chargualaf Rollins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many wells to monitor groundwater? Do they monitor prevailing water flow? Concern that leachate will eventually leak into the groundwater.</li> <li>• Under CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response Liability Act), who compensates? Who gets compensated? Who pays for medical compensation and for how long?</li> <li>• What happens if leachate pond overflows with leachate and rainwater from landfill (during typhoons) and appropriated wetlands are overwhelmed?</li> <li>• How long does it take for a designated wetland to process leachate flowing into it? Is close proximity to wetlands mandatory to clean leachate?</li> <li>• What is the maximum weight permissible on the bridges and highways of Guam, especially southward?</li> <li>• Why is a model with mainly temperature extremes, Arizona, being used for an area with diverse extremes?</li> <li>• Concern that droughts will dry out designated leachate cleaning wetland; earthquakes will compromise liner clay composite, cracks will lead to leaks; and typhoons and tropical disturbances will overwhelm landfill.</li> <li>• What if after the official surveys the estimates for the landfill size is smaller than 100 acres? Will smaller design be feasible to support the entire island?</li> <li>• How can you guarantee the integrity of these directors and operators if a leachate leak is detected?</li> <li>• Leadership failed in recycling programs for island. Need incinerator and recycling programs.</li> <li>• Bird strikes are a hazard for landfill airspaces. Privately owned aircraft do flyover my community on a daily basis.</li> </ul>
July 12, 2004	Columbus Development Corporation: Attorney Michael Berman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heard comment that liner is designed to prevent leakage but other piece of literature that there is inevitably some leakage. If there is no leakage than why not northern sites, Yigo or Dededo, but if there is leakage than look at other nearby water sources.</li> <li>• Lonfit area borders GWA water reservoir and is directly above Lonfit river, so if leakage is insignificant so this is not an important factor, but if leakage is significant, this is a significant factor.</li> <li>• Lonfit has highest population of three sites.</li> <li>• Lonfit site located right on river and next to pond. If there is leakage and water nearby and it's placed on a river than why is this such a good site?</li> <li>• Geology and hydrology of Lonfit site suggest it is water-bearing and that a small stream may run over or beneath the site. Lonfit site may be unsuitable because rivers and shallow water tables may be present.</li> <li>• Columbus Develop project was contemplated since 1989/1990 and has all approvals. Lonfit has potential economic benefits not seen in other sites.</li> <li>• Concern that process to select a site is short and selection may be hasty.</li> </ul>
July 12, 2004	David Sablan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted copy of Mayors' Council of Guam Resolution No. 03-11, dated November 19, 2003.</li> </ul>