

Response to Public Hearing Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Regarding: New Solid Waste Management Facility to be Operated by MediWaste Disposal LLC

To: Management Permitting Branch Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Good Evening - My name is Sharon Cruise. Thank you for the opportunity to once again voice my opinion as to why MediWaste should not be permitted to operate in Pahrump. Let me begin with the facts:

As of the 2020 census

The total population of Nye County was 51,591

The total population of Pahrump was 44,738, representing over 86 percent of the County's population, making it by far the most populated area in Nye County.

To even consider having California toxic medical waste travelling through the most populated town in Nye County is extremely negligent and demonstrates a total lack of regard for the safety of Pahrump residents.

Keep in mind this is toxic medical waste from California that California will not allow to be processed in the state of California.

Yet Nye County has already given approval for the California toxic medical waste to be transported to Pahrump for processing and then dumped in our already crowded landfill.

The County's reckless decision if approved by the Nevada Environmental Protection Agency would allow fifty-three-foot tractor trailers to transport toxic medical waste from California travelling around the two roundabouts on Route 372, which most cars have difficulty driving around. They would then continue onto Route 160, basically the center of town, passing four of our five pharmacies and our three grocery stores.

At any point, from Route 372, down Route 160 to East Basin, if or rather when there is an accident, causing toxic medical waste to spill onto the major Pahrump roadways it will shut our town down, causing catastrophic damage to the health and safety of the Pahrump residents.

Additionally, although I have a great deal of trust and respect for our Fire and Sheriff's Departments to keep Pahrump safe, they neither have the resources nor the experience to handle a biohazardous waste situation caused by the unnecessary transporting of toxic medical waste.

If that is not disturbing enough let me just add that the MediWaste fifty-three-foot tractor trailers transporting the toxic medical waste will be allowed to remain parked outside the Pahrump facility for up to thirty days in one hundred plus degree temperatures waiting to be processed.

So, in conclusion, you are asking for my response to allow MediWaste to:

1. Have multiple fifty-three-foot tractor trailers with toxic medical waste from California traveling through the most populated town in Nye County
2. Have multiple fifty-three-foot tractor trailers with toxic medical waste from California traveling on the most populated streets through the center of the town of Pahrump
3. Have multiple fifty-three-foot tractor trailers with toxic medical waste from California allowed to be staged outside the MediWaste facility on East Basin Avenue near the DMV, the County Clerk's Office and the Pahrump Justice Court for up to thirty days
4. Have toxic medical waste from California once processed delivered to our already overcrowded landfill placing the Pahrump community at risk for exposure to dangerous toxins in the air, in the ground, and in the water

My response is categorically absolutely NO. Under no circumstances should MediWaste be allowed to transport and process toxic medical waste from California into Pahrump.

Please do what is safe for the residents of Pahrump and deny MediWaste a permit to operate in Pahrump, in Nye County, or any location in Nevada.

Thank you for your time

Respectfully submitted:

Sharon Cruise – Pahrump Resident

