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SYNFUELS PLANT DEFEATED

The summer finally brought what appears to be a firm finish to Kopper's plans to build a synthetic fuels plant in a rural part of Roane County.

Koppers Corporation was denied funding approval by the Synthetic Fuels Board in the first round of funding decisions made in February. Then, at the last minute, (because they knew that denial was probable), Koppers withdrew its request to the Board before the second round of decisions.

Long, tedious, persistent research and digging by local citizens and SOCM staff and members produced a long list of serious problems in the plans of the proposed plant. Among the many ways this plant would have affected all of east Tennessee are: inadequate road access and transportation problems, noise, waste disposal in an area prone to sink holes, etc. All this - plus the impact of increased strip mining for coal to supply a plant that would use a yearly tonnage equal to Tennessee's present yearly production.

Citizens in Roane County and all parts of East Tennessee remain alert but hopeful that we have seen the last of our fight with this Goliath.

Koppers Rejected by Synfuel Group for Aid on Oak Ridge Project

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WASHINGTON — The Synthetic Fuels Corp. (SFC) has rejected further consideration of assistance for a $1.5-billion coal-to-gasoline project proposed for Oak Ridge, causing the project's sole sponsor to reconsider the company's future interest in the effort.

Koppers Co. Inc., the sole sponsor, was one of six applicants rejected by the SFC Friday night in the first round of projects considered. Although the applications for the rejected projects can be changed and considered in the second round of synthetic fuels projects proposals, one Koppers official said the reapplication would not be automatic.

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WASHINGTON — Plans for a $1.5-billion coal-to-gasoline project in Oak Ridge have been delayed again by the Synthetic Fuels Corp. (SFC) because of continuing problems in lining up a financial partner to work with Koppers Co. Inc.

Koppers has been the leader on the project all along, but needs to secure a partner to pass the management and financial strength tests detailed by the SFC.

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