

## Just 2% Of The Population

After sitting through the ethanol informational meeting the other night at the Cambria School, we felt compelled to write a letter to the editor. We are farmers, which puts us in the minority of just 2% of the population.

Our observation was that there seems to be a group of people passing around a lot of negative information about ethanol production. Could someone please check to see what their expertise is in the field of ethanol production? This group had complaints and accusations, rather than questions for the panel of experts present at the meeting (engineers, railroad reps, DNR reps & others). These people were even making us a little scared. They made it sound like a nuclear waste facility, rather than a corn processing plant.

We sincerely hope that if this group can halt production of all ethanol in this area, that they then concentrate on the other problems in our community.

We have 2 canning factories in this village. These factories have trucks running 24 hours a day, which produces unbelievable amounts of noise and air pollution. What is that we smell? The plants produce staggering amounts of waste and pump massive amounts of ground water for use at the plants. They must be shut down. After all, it would only affect about 2% of the population.

The feed mill just west of the village produces noise and air pollution. It must be stopped. After all, it would only affect about 2% of the population.

With the loss of the canning factories and feed mill, the gas station would probably go too. Good riddance, no more truck traffic and we are rid of that potential explosion. Gas station owners are probably only 2% of the population.

After the ethanol meeting, some of us stopped at the local pub. What we saw shocked us. We saw a person, who had been at the meeting, smoking a cigarette and drinking alcohol. We had better shut these pubs down too, we all know about the dangers of smoking and drinking. And no more delivery trucks blocking our parking spots. The owners, after all, are only about 2% of the population.

Shut all snowmobile trails down. We cannot have that hazard they cause crossing roads and the pollution they produce. They are probably only 2% of the population.

It's a good thing the village did not sell land to that trucking firm that once existed on top of the hill. Rather the village can keep that land for future housing development. Hold it, we cannot sell lots off for housing. This will create additional car traffic and from the observation of the local police, car traffic travels much faster than truck. Keep your kids indoors.

In closing, we confess most farmers in the spring have thousands of pounds of chemicals stored on the farm for production of crops. And the manure, what a terrible smell it has. Shut em down, after all they are only about 2% of the population. Once we get rid of these annoying businesses, it should be a quiet, safe and peaceful community. Then we can all patronize our surrounding neighbors, (Randolph, Fall River, Rio, & Pardeeville).

Concerned Citizens for Ethanol