

The Honorable Dawn Rowe
Supervisor, Third District

Dear Supervisor Rowe,

The recent lithium battery fire incident on Highway 15 raises serious questions in the minds of Newberry Springs residents. There are sixteen acres of lithium batteries in the Clearway solar fields directly to the west of Newberry which extend into Newberry Springs. In the event of a lithium battery fire, toxic fumes will be present within and among Newberry residences in a matter of two or three minutes.

1. What emergency alert method or system is presently in place to alert Newberry residents to immediately evacuate, and in which direction?
2. Who or what is the County point of contact to obtain emergency information and immediate guidance?
3. What County plans and provisions are in place to support an emergency evacuation or an indoor shelter-in-place scenario for a fire that may burn for an extended period (i.e. a week or more) of time.

Respectfully,

Paula Deel

President, Newberry CSD