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## Residents can comment on plan to keep TENORM in place at local landfill

Residents have until February 12 to comment on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) submitted to the Energy and Environmental Cabinet about TENORM disposed of illegally at Blue Ridge RDF.

The revised CAP was submitted by Advance Disposal to the state cabinet on Nov. 17. The cabinet has reviewed the plan and provisionally accepted it.

A copy of the landfill's revised CAP is available for citizens to read at the Estill County Library during regular business hours.

It can also be viewed online at <http://dep.gateway.ky.gov/publicfiles/> or by appointment at the Division of Waste Management in Frankfort.

"They did incorporate

our comments (on the first CAP)," stated Mary Cromer, attorney for Concerned Citizens of Estill County (CCEC).

Ms. Cromer said the CAP has two alternatives. The first one is to let the TENORM remain in the Estill landfill and monitor it. The second alternative is to move it to a permitted site.

If the landfill gets to keep the TENORM in place, it will cost Advanced Disposal an estimated \$464,900. The company estimates that it will cost them \$6.2 million to transport the TENORM to a permitted landfill.

Cromer said part of the plan is "to make sure no more radioactive waste comes to the landfill."

If the waste is kept lo-

cally, it will be monitored to make sure it is not transported into the ground water. The waste will be monitored for 30 years after closure.

CCEC member Nancy Farmer questioned if that was after closure of the landfill or just the cell containing the TENORM.

It was also mentioned at a meeting of CCEC last Wednesday, the landfill has to monitor the closing for 30 years anyway.

Cromer said the landfill will move the methane gas wells in the area of the TENORM. The methane is recycled into electricity.

If allowed to remain in place, the landfill company will remove the solid waste that is presently covering the radioactive waste.

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Snow continued to add up to a couple inches in Estill County on Tuesday morning. Traffic was traveling too slow on the Winchester Road, because one vehicle decided to pass.

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## Larry Stewart files to run for co. jailer

Candidates now have less than two weeks to file to run for public office for this year's elections.

Candidates for county and city offices may file in the office of County Clerk Sherry L. Fox until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Candidates for district judge, commonwealth's attorney, and U.S. and state representatives must file in

the Secretary of State office at Frankfort.

Larry Stewart, a democrat, was the only person to complete his paperwork in Fox's office. Stewart filed to run as jailer.

One person had started their paperwork to run for the county clerk's office, but it was not completed in time for this week's edition.



A walk and cart bridge at the Estill County Golf Course was snow covered after last weekend's snow.

## Massive Power Outage



KENTUCKY UTILITIES contractors replace a broken transmission pole off KY HWY 52 near Irvine. A vehicle hit the pole and resulted in an outage that impacted families in Estill, Lee, Powell and Wolfe counties. Photo by Brent Arvin

## Vehicle strikes utility pole, leaving 1000's in the dark

A vehicle accident near Irvine turned into a lengthy power outage for Jackson Energy members while crews waited for repairs to be made to a Kentucky Utilities transmission pole.

About 1300 members were without power in Estill, Lee, Wolfe and Powell counties after a vehicle hit a pole Saturday evening on KY HWY 52 near Irvine.

Jackson Energy quickly restored to 800 members by back feeding power from other lines on its system, but power could not be restored to just over 500 members until repairs were made to the KU transmission pole.

"Jackson Energy crews and Kentucky

Utilities crews worked through the night in bitterly cold temperatures," said Jackson Energy Operations Supervisor Tim Wilson, "and KU had to bring in a bulldozer in to assist with the repairs because of the remote location."

Once the transmission pole was replaced, Jackson Energy began bringing power back on in sections and was able to restore service about an hour later.

"Due to the cold temperatures, we energized the lines in sections to avoid overloading the system," Wilson said.

Estill County officials opened a warming shelter for residents impacted by the outage.

## Work, co-pays to be required of Kentucky's Medicaid recipients

By Al Cross, KY Health News

Some Kentuckians on Medicaid will have to work, perform community service or take job training to keep their health-care benefits, under a plan proposed by Gov. Matt Bevin and approved by federal officials. It would also require some to pay small, income-based premiums and co-payments.

Bevin announced the approval Friday, saying the changes would be "transformational." Kentucky is the first state to establish requirements for work-related activities, under a new policy of the Trump administration.

"I am excited by the fact that Kentucky will now lead the nation," Bevin said at a Capitol news conference. "We're ready to show America how this can and will be done." Critics predicted legal action, saying federal law doesn't allow work requirements.

The plan is called Kentucky HEALTH, for "Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health." It mainly affects the 480,000 or so Kentuckians who are on Medicaid by virtue of its 2014 expansion, under the Pa-

tient Protection and Affordable Care Act, to people in households with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level: \$16,643 for a single person and about \$34,000 for a family of four.

The plan requires beneficiaries to spend a total of 80 hours a month working, looking for work, doing volunteer work, taking job training, going to school, or taking care of someone with a disabling health condition. The rule would not apply to pregnant women, the chronically homeless or the "medically frail," which includes people with a substance-abuse disorder.

"There is dignity associated with earning the value of something that you receive," Bevin said. "The vast majority of men and women, able-bodied men and women ... they want the dignity associated with being able to earn and have engagement."

Nationally, most beneficiaries of Medicaid work, mostly in low-wage jobs that don't offer health insurance, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Kentucky figures indicate likewise for the state.

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