

Rebuttal regarding Coal Tar Free America's "Even Seven Devils Warn Against Using Coal Tar Sealants"!

It would appear that the Tom Ennis-City of Austin Watershed Protection Department and the City of Austin, TX is attempting to squash the small business owner by advocating the ban of refined tar based sealers. This is an interesting posting on Tom Ennis' blog since it gives insight into how far activists will go to destroy small American businesses.

[Website source](#)

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Even Seven Devils Warn Against Using Coal Tar Sealants!



The Town of Seven Devils warns against the use of coal tar pavement sealants. Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, Seven Devils is surrounded by local, state and national preserves and parks. Their website says:

Coal Tar Sealant Warning!!
Use of Coal Tar may be hazardous
to your health and the environment.

One has to wonder what type of research the Town of Seven Devils did to slander a product on their town website. Perhaps the town took the word of the local activist without checking on the other side of the story.

A link goes on to explain make the connection that they are a near neighbor to Boone, North Carolina that earlier this year imposed restrictions on the use of coal tar sealants because of a fish kill caused by washed-off coal tar sealant. Some resources about the Boone Sealant Fish Kill are: [Tar Heel Town Tackles Toxic Sealant](#)

Another activist is at it again. This time it is paid activist [Donna Lisenby](#) from the Upper Watauga Riverkeepers. The Upper Watauga is part of another larger

activist group Appalachian Voices. This group in turn gets funding from Patagonia, Inc. (outdoor clothing) non-profit along with grant money from the Federal Government. This is a link to the organization's [IRS 990 Form](#) from 2009.

Items to note:

-The organization's strong [anti-coal](#) stance

-**Salaries from 2008 to 2009 increased by 22%**. Do you remember when you got you last 22% pay increase? The salaries to total contribution ratio was over 46%. That means for every \$1 you contribute, \$0.46 pays a salary in the organization.

-This organization likes to travel. It spent over \$153,000 in 2009.

-There is an expense for almost \$100,000 in 2009 under "contract labor". What could that be?

-This organization has plenty of cash on hand. At the end of 2009, the organization had \$356,520 in cash or in savings.

-Donna also likes the limelight play a role in the anti-capitalism "documentary": [WAL-MART: THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICE](#). Donna also fancies herself to be a filmmaker, "environmental hero", and **helped launch Waterkeeper Alliance's anti-coal campaign website, [The Dirty Lie](#)**.

For additional information:

[The Truth about Coal Tar](#)

[The Paralyzing Precautionary Principle](#)