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Illinois Pollution Control Board  
Ms. Carol Webb, Hearing Officer  
1021 N. Grand Ave. E.  
Springfield, Illinois 19274

PC#7

Case: PCB 06++184, Peoria Disposal Co. vs. Peoria County Board

Dear Ms. Webb,

You and the Illinois Pollution Control Board have the future environment of our area in your hands. You are faced with the most important decision affecting our citizens of the last 50 years. It is time to permanently seal the Peoria Disposal Company Hazardous Waste Landfill and say "No" to the expansion as voted by the Peoria County Board.

This landfill is located at the west edge of Peoria where 53,000 people live within three miles of it and the entire city is downwind of it. It is a threat to our water supplies. The landfill sits atop the sand aquifer from which 60% of the Peoria water supply is drawn.

According to the federal EPA Toxic Release Inventory, Peoria County has the highest concentration of toxic releases of any Illinois county and is the sixteenth highest in the nation, with the PDC landfill listed as the prime reason. You have the power to change this for the better.

I am enclosing the letter to the Peoria Journal Star from the heads of the medical staff of each of the three hospitals in town expressing the real threat of the expansion of the toxic hazardous waste facility. The 750 doctors are speaking in unison on this issue. I do not think there is any need for a second opinion.

For these reasons I urge you to uphold the vote of the Peoria County Board. I urge you also to hold Peoria Disposal Company responsible for any future. We do not want this to end up, as many other waste dumps have, on the backs of taxpayers.

Please do the right thing for the future of our citizens and their children.

Sincerely,



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Peoria Journal Star, Saturday Forum, February 11, 2006

## **Peoria doctors: PDC landfill hazardous to your health**

Saturday, February 11, 2006

There are few opportunities for physicians in this community to speak with one voice on an issue which potentially affects the health of our entire community. In the eyes of physicians in and around Peoria, the proposed expansion of the hazardous waste facility owned and operated by Peoria Disposal Company represents a significant threat to all of us who live and work in Peoria County.

Over the last week, the medical executive committees of all three Peoria hospitals (representing over 750 doctors) have voted to speak with a united voice to oppose the proposed expansion of this toxic waste disposal facility.

Physicians in this community are alarmed about the potential short- and long-term health consequences that this facility poses to the population of Peoria County. Our concerns specifically relate to the proximity of the dump to a major metropolitan area, as well as its siting over the Sankoty aquifer, from which we derive much of our drinking water.

The physicians of Peoria County urge the County Board to deny the permit for expansion of the PDC facility.

Dr. Gary Zwicky

President, Medical Staff, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center

Dr. R. Parker McRae Jr.

President, Medical Staff, Proctor Hospital

Dr. Steven Smith

President, Medical Staff, Methodist Medical Center  
Peoria