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Subject: Peoria Disposal Company Delisting Petition AS 2008-010

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I am writing to ask you to approve the request to delist electric arc furnace dust referenced above. There are several reasons but it seems that "green" is the word these days and this seems to be part of doing green things that the opponents miss. The dust is the result of the process of recycling steel. This is a resource conserving, green process. I have seen the opponents offer no alternatives. I understand that there are high temperature processes that can be applied to the waste. I do not know the details but would presume that these are energy intensive processes and would probably result in some waste as well. After the initial recycling process it seems we get into a case of diminishing returns and as energy costs rise are the alternates economically viable with equal environmental benefits?

The treatment/delisting of wastes by chemical processes has been done for years with much information published and research continuing to improve the process. There are numerous cases of similar delistings across the country. To me, the process used is akin to remineralizing the metals – putting them back into a similar state that they were found in nature.

Thank you for your consideration.



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