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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that in order to file a petition for review with the board on the above mentioned case, I am required to allege grounds for contesting the administrative action. The agency, (IEPA) states that on 24 July, 2009, I violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21 (p)(1),(p)(7) (2008) by causing or allowing open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter and the deposition of general or clean construction or demolition debris at my property in Gale, Illinois. I deny these charges and offer the following as grounds to contest.

I have spent the past 4 years attempting to clean up said property. In the past four years we have removed over 30 scrapped cars from the property. Most of the cars were actually buried and had to be dug out. The tires that were found on the property were, likewise, dug up. In some cases, when we removed a tire from the ground we would find several more that also had to be dug up. We have demolished 3 buildings, one of which was the home that was on the property when I bought it, that were no longer fit for use or habitation. We have yet to remove the demolition debris, but we are working on it. There is yet one more building to be torn down. We have installed fencing and a gate that has since been knocked down on several occasions. The no trespassing signs that were posted were ignored and taken down. We have been attempting to clear the property of some of the brush and trees that are lining the property and impeding the clean up process. The plastic barrels that were seen on the property by the second inspector were there when the first inspector made her first visit. They were there when I bought the property. As much as I have tried to clean this property, and protect it from those who would use it as an open dump, I have thus far been unsuccessful. The most recent dumping on the property was that of "white goods". Someone has dumped several appliances both on the property itself and then again at the outside of another gate I installed. I don't know if this is just one dumping or more than one. As I write this letter we are in the process of trying to fashion a gate for the lower portion of the driveway.

I wash houses for a living and do some small amount of home repair. A good portion of my day is usually spent looking for work and this does not leave a great deal of time to work on a project that has since become a very expensive and losing proposition. However, progress has been made

and will continue to be made. I am sorry if it is not being done quickly enough to suit the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, but I am doing the best I can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leslie Curtis', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Leslie Curtis  
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To the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

Please find enclosed proof of service to the IEPA.

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