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**Re: DeKalb County Landfill; Case No. PCB 2010-103**

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

I write to express my concerns about the proposed expansion of the DeKalb County Landfill. The manner in which this was presented to the voting public of DeKalb County appears to have been carefully designed so as to minimize input from potential opposition. The address shown above has been my home since July of 1971, and I have seen many changes including the construction of I-88, and the conversion of the road in front of my house from a quiet gravel country road to a county/township highway; however, none of these changes has represented the threat to my personal health and well-being posed by the proposed enlargement of the DeKalb County Landfill.

My home is approximately one mile east of Somonauk Road and Fairview Drive is less than a mile north of the landfill entrance, so I think it is safe to say that the straight-line distance between my home and the landfill is approximately one and one-half miles. When the breeze or wind is out of the southeast, the acrid odor of the landfill permeates my property. I do not know whether or not this is a threat to my health, but it certainly cannot be good for me. As a longtime observer of the operation of the landfill, I have profound concerns about the integrity of the operation; the citizens of DeKalb County have been told for years that no material from outside the County is being dumped there, but I have often followed garbage trucks from outside the County limits to the landfill. Accordingly, I have little confidence that any restrictions placed upon the use of the landfill going forward will be complied with.

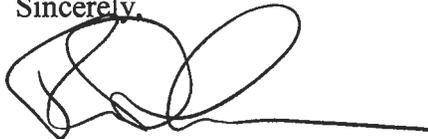
I understand that one of Waste Management's witnesses at the so-called "hearing" before the County Board testified under oath that the increase in the landfill would not increase the vehicular traffic to and from the site. This makes no sense whatsoever, when the size of the landfill is being substantially increased and material is being brought in from out of the County under the guise of legitimacy.

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DeKalb County and particularly the City of DeKalb has done an excellent job in reducing solid waste through the use of aggressive recycling programs, and more can be done. I doubt that many of the out-of-county communities served by Waste Management recycle as effectively, and perhaps they should. Each county should be responsible for its own solid waste, rather than sloughing its problems off on a neighboring county; this would force each county to aggressively address the problem, rather than merely dump their trash in someone else's backyard.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you deny any permission to expand the DeKalb County Landfill. Thank you for your attention to this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard D. Larson

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cc: Mr. Dan Kenney (via email)