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Case Number: PCB 2010-103

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Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I am writing you today as a concerned citizen of Cortland, IL (case number PCB 2010-103). As of late, there has been heavy discussion in our community against expanding the dump capacity to 2,000 tons so we can handle trash of other communities. I understand that there are financial benefits to our community for this, and waste management has reported that it will be safe. However, through my research I have found these reports to be extremely optimistic and misleading, substantially outweighing any benefits. One major concern that I have with the expansion is it's proximity to the brand new Cortland elementary school. As a pollution control board, I expect that safety is a large concern of yours. I share your concern, which is why I am writing you today.

The footprint between a 350 ton dump and 2,000 ton dump is very significant and concerning. Our current dump at 350 tons is already a problem! Recently hydrogen sulfide levels at Cortland elementary school were recorded at .82ppm which can cause minor respiratory and eye problems, making learning difficult.

Aside from learning difficulties, Hydrogen sulfide can also be very dangerous, and was even used in World War 1 as a weapon! Building such a large dump so close to our community's developing children is putting something very precious at risk. The levels of hydrogen sulfide can only increase (from an already unacceptable level) with the size of the dump.

As a concerned, proud, and active citizen of Cortland, IL I am not ready to put our children at risk or create a difficult environment for our children to learn in. As the appeal process takes place I ask you to consider the feelings of our community. I feel that the DeKalb county board inappropriately represented our thoughts and feelings as a community on this subject and I strongly encourage you to reverse this decision.

Sincerely,

The Nguyen Family



John Therriault - Re Dekalb Mega Dump

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Please see that this letter gets to the appropriate people.
Thankyou

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Case Number PCB2010-103 – 500 acre expansion of DeKalb County landfill and acceptance of waste from 16 other Illinois Counties

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed mega dump in DeKalb. My statement is simple as I have experience with living near a huge dump. I won't repeat all the technical environmental facts that you have already been given.

They stink. When I used to drive by the one near where I used to live, in South Elgin, it smelled awful and on some days bad enough enough to want to gag--I am not exaggerating. I lived 1 mile and a quarter from the dump on some days I could smell it when I opened the door of my home. It stunk enough not to open my windows and to have to rely on air conditioning in mild temperatures. Disgusting. If odors are traveling that far what harmful chemicals are dissipating into the air with the smell?

DeKalb is a hub of a rural area. Is it right to stink up the clean rural air with the trash from other counties, and suburban populations? I think not. I moved to the boonies, away from the conveniences of the suburbs, seeking cleaner air and escaping pollution. If trash continues to be sent away move away from the denser populations that create it to rural areas there will be no fresh country air anywhere.

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