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RE: Case number: PCB 2010-103

Members of the Pollution Board:

Regarding the proposed expansion of the DeKalb County landfill by Waste Management. I strongly oppose it!

We, the citizens, were not properly informed of the County's "open" hearing on this issue. I found out about it while at the Barber Shop in Cortland. The barber, who is also the Mayor of Cortland, was telling one of my neighbors about the expansion and said that it "was a done deal". The County Board and Waste Management must have had some sort of agreement before the hearing started.

I could not attend the hearing sessions because they were held during the day. I was able to attend the one night session they had, but I could not ask a question because I learned they had to be submitted before the hearing started.

I know the proposal before you is just to decide if WM meets the proper criteria for expansion, but there is just so much more to this.

The main reason is that the County needs money and this is an easy way to get it. We should not have to put up with the added pollution from truck traffic that this will create. We live about a mile South of the dump and when there is a North wind, it smells pretty bad. I hate to think of what it will be like with 10 times the garbage being dumped there. I'm also concerned about our well since the aquifer we are on runs under the existing dump!

I believe each County is responsible for their own garbage. We should not have to take garbage from 17 surrounding counties.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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To The Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

As a resident of DeKalb County, I am writing in reference to the proposal to expand the DeKalb County Landfill.

About the middle of February, I read that a hearing was to be held March 1, 2010, but you had to sign up ahead of time in order to ask any questions. However, who could I ask as the Chronicle stated that the County Board Members were unable to discuss this expansion with any participants or citizens.

Then we were told at the hearing that the Board Members were taken on a "tour" of another landfill operated by Waste Management. Why was WM personnel taking our County Board on a tour, when we as citizens of the County were unable to discuss or express our concerns over this expansion that will effect us for the next 46 years! (Perhaps the Board and Waste Management did not speak at all during this "tour"!)

At the hearing I asked one County Board Member if I could ask him a question. He said "no, I can't discuss this."

I am so very concerned about this increase in garbage coming into our community:

At the hearing, we were told that the landfill is currently leaking into the Union Ditch which runs into our Kishwaukee River. What will happen to our well water if this liner (which they've used for 20 years) leaks?

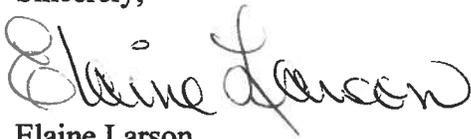
The sulphur smell from the gas currently being emitted from the landfill is strong. Not every single day, but when it's there it's awful. What will this smell be if the landfill is expanded? Hopefully not like the odor from the landfill on Route 251 by Rockford!

We were told that the increase in trucks hauling this increase in garbage to 2000 tons per day would have just a minimal affect on traffic. But, the "traffic expert" did not take into consideration ANY farm implement traffic. Were they unaware this is farm country?

This proposed expansion is taking away valuable farm land. I wrote to the County Board asking where the 827,127 tons per year of contaminated soil that will be generated will go. I never received a reply.

It seems that there are many unanswered questions regarding this proposed landfill increase. Hopefully you, the Illinois Pollution Control Board, agree and deny this expansion request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Larson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Elaine Larson

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