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Illinois Pollution Control Board
James Thompson Center
100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601.

Regarding: Case Number PCB 2010-103

Regarding the proposed expansion of the DeKalb County Landfill, I first became aware of the proposed expansion in April, 2009, when the DeKalb County Board approved the Host Community Agreement to allow Waste Management to propose a plan for such an expansion. Following this approval, I became aware that the DeKalb County's Government Administration told the County Board members that they would not be permitted to discuss any of the issues and concerns from their constituents regarding this proposed landfill expansion.

Also, only those landowners within one-half mile from the existing landfill were notified by mail about the intention of

of Waste Management's plans to expand the existing landfill. And, these intentions were to be presented at Public Hearings scheduled for March, 2010.

Regarding these Hearings, only individuals who had registered with the County Board Office in Sycamore, IL, at least fifteen days before the March (2010) Hearings would be allowed to speak at these Hearings.

Concerning these above-mentioned actions taken by the De Kalb County's Government Administration, I feel that the powers within the De Kalb County Government intentionally wanted to and planned to reduce and limit any discussion and expression of the concerns and views from the citizenry of De Kalb County. I feel that these actions are a serious violation of the citizen's freedom of speech, in the prevention our representative form of local government to function properly and, possibly, of Constitutional Law.

Personally, my wife and I have lived

within one mile from the existing landfill (in a southerly direction) for the past twenty-seven years. We are very concerned about a number of items regarding this proposed expansion of the existing landfill.

We are very concerned about the quality of the water being drawn through our private well which comes from an aquifer that flows under the existing landfill. To protect our personal health, we are using a Brita Water Filter to purify the water coming from our private well. We are also truly dismayed at the potential mountain of garbage which the citizens of DeKalb County will be forced to accept because of a County Administration decision made by our local officials. Also, we understand that when the landfill is declared full; Waste Management will be able to walk away from the operations and maintenance of the landfill, having no responsibility to maintain and supervise the containment of the garbage in this landfill for future generations of people. In essence, we feel that this whole

process of proposing to expand the DeKalb County Landfill was orchestrated by DeKalb County Government and Waste Management to obtain the approval of their proposal by carefully removing the constitutional rights from the county's citizens in expressing their concerns about this proposed expansion.

So, therefore, I feel the Illinois Pollution Control Board should seriously consider my request to reverse the approval vote for this landfill expansion proposal in DeKalb County made by the DeKalb County Board of Directors on May 10, 2010.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Steimel

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