

November 5th, 2010

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

Re: Case number: PCB2010-103

Dear Pollution Control Board:

I'm writing to enter on record my strong opposition to the pending planned expansion of the DeKalb County landfill by Waste Management.

It is my opinion that this expansion was orchestrated behind the scenes by County Staff and Board members looking for the quick buck. As a citizen, I and others were denied contact with our elected County officials due to the County administrators placing a "gag order" on County board members. It is my belief and observation upon reading and researching that while I as a citizen was denied contact with my elected officials, Waste Management was giving private tours to my elected officials and was not subjected to the same "gag order" that I was. There also seems to be a number of improprieties insofar as FOIA'd emails that have been made public, seem to elude that my same elected officials "made up their minds" prior to the March Public hearing. We were denied opportunities to speak at subsequent county board public meetings and treated like criminals when we questioned our board.

As the parent of an special needs child, I'm concerned with the effects of Hydrogen Sulfide and air pollution emitting from the landfill will have on her, the well water pollution; including ground water contamination, as well as the toxic slurry lying beneath the surface that will be exposed if this expansion goes through because Waste Management will supposedly repair the already leaking landfill.

As a small business person and someone that has been active with the revitalization of our downtown Main Street, I'm also concerned with image this will leave DeKalb County, as the first thing visitors will see and smell coming off the Peace Road exit on I-88 will be smell and sight of the landfill. This will negatively affect the county's overall public image, as well as the ability to attract new businesses, residents, students, and visitors. DeKalb has recently built a new hospital; a new high school will come on line in 2011, a new cancer center, and the revitalized downtown. This will negatively affect future economic development interests in our area as well.

I have lived in DeKalb County since 1987 and come to call it my home. I have raised my family and started a business in this County. I urge you members of the Pollution Control Board to consider the damage to our health, our already vital farmland, and quality of life. I have worked too hard to have my county known as the garbage dump capital of Northern Illinois.

Sincerely,

Lisa G. Wilcox

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