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Clerk of Pollution Control Board
Dorothy M. Gunn
IPCB - Ref. PCB 03-218
James R. Thompson Center, Suite 11-500
100 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Ms. Gunn:

The Dement Township Planning Commission was appointed by the Dement Township Board to plan and develop growth that is in the best interest of the Township.

We solidly support the decision made by the Rochelle City Council as siting authority to deny the application for expansion of a Pollution Control Facility made by Rochelle Waste Disposal. The expansion of the landfill would be inconsistent with our comprehensive plan for Dement Township and it would create constraints for proper growth.

The proposed expansion would severely limit residential development to the south and west of Creston. In addition, we feel that four of the nine siting criteria were not met: Criteria 1, Need; Criteria 2, Health, Safety and Welfare; Criteria 3, Compatibility with Surrounding Area; and Criteria 6, Traffic. We are also concerned with maintaining the quality of water in our area wells.

For these reasons, the Dement Township Planning Commission would like to be on record as strongly supporting the decision made by the Rochelle City Council as siting authority to deny the Application for Siting Approval of a New Regional Pollution Control Facility because the expansion is not in the Township's best interest. We believe it would be very detrimental to the Township's future generations.

We recommend the members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board uphold the decision by the Rochelle City Council.

Sincerely,



Thomas D. Becker
Chairman

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Members: Janice Cich, Secretary, Chuck M. Cawley, Larry Creekmur, and Doug Dailey

cc: Mr. Brad Halloran
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