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Illinois Pollution Control Board
 Philip Novak, Chairman
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Re: PCB No 01-102

Dear Chairman Novak and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I support the request of the Madison County Mass Transit District, through Cassen and Sons, to be reimbursed for clean up efforts regarding the construction of the transit facility in Edwardsville. The Transit District provides much needed transportation to the citizens of Madison County, including door to door service, fixed route service and Para transit services for the general public, the poor, the disabled and the elderly.

The purpose of the Environmental Protection Act is to provide reimbursement to local governments such as this when they expend local funds for the clean up of contaminated lands. Thus, I believe the request is well founded and furthers the intended purposes of the Act.

It is my understanding that the funds were in fact expended for eligible purposes, but that the Illinois EPA has denied the request based upon a technical notice requirement.

I respectfully request that the Board give this matter the usual careful consideration afforded all petitioners in such matters. However, it is my opinion that, as the project was primarily federally funded, and the costs were eligible, the unit of local government should not bear the burden of the clean up costs when funds have been set aside for that specific purpose.

Mr. Philip Novak, Chairman
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Thank you for you for your consideration.

Respectfully Yours,



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State Senator - 56th District

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