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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

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Dear Dorothy Gunn:

Recently I have been made aware of the petition submitted by Jo'Lyn Corporation and Falcon Waste & Recycling, Inc. of Woodstock to use roofing shingles to create a paving product for paving parking lots, bike paths, driveways, etc. The material they will be using is from the manufacturer—not post-consumer material, so therefore it is a clean ingredient (not contaminated with roofing nails, etc.)

As far as my background is concerned, I have worked actively with the recycling programs of the McHenry County Defenders, for the past 30 years. It has been extremely satisfying to see recycling and reuse rise from what might have been considered a "fad" back in the early 70's to a realization for the need and a real respect for keeping a great number of materials out of the waste stream. I also serve on the Steering Committee of Quaker Earthcare Witness, a Quaker group that realizes the entire world is interconnected, and that we need to work toward restoring the earth's ecological integrity.

For Falcon to have to qualify as a "pollution control facility" is a step backward in time. It is important to keep in mind the intentions of finding a positive use for a material that would likely end up in a landfill.

I would like to share a few examples of reuse that is being done in a controlled, safe way, that I do not believe require a "pollution control facility" status.

1. Septage that is applied to farm fields, with the initial approval of and later inspection by the County Health Department as to the degree of slope and the type of ground cover that is on the acreage being used.
2. Rather than burning leaves in the fall, many communities vacuum the leaves, deliver and spread them on fallow land provided by local farmers.
3. Used clothing, rather than being put out in the trash, is taken to resale shops, where the old maxim, "One person's trash is another person's treasure" comes into play.
4. Scrap metal can be picked up by one of many scrap haulers, who, in turn, take the metal to a scrap dealer to sell.

Please consider the need to grant this petition for an adjusted standard to the petitioner.

Sincerely,



Alice V. Howenstine

Cc: John Kim, IEPA

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