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I just returned to Peoria after 3 months deeply involved in another matter in another state, to learn that persons here were being told that letters on a local pending case before the Illinois Pollution Control Board cannot be sent to the hearing officer of the case.

On checking that with the IPCB clerk's office I was advised, "It is your right to comment," and letters on a given case can be sent to "either" the hearing officer or the IPCB clerk's office, or both. The pending Peoria County case was specifically mentioned.

"Anybody who has interest in the case can send in comments on it," I was informed. (The clerk's office noted that in one IPCB case there were 7,000 letters of comment.)

That certainly seems logical and right legally and morally, and the American way. *And certainly there has not been any public notice from the IPCB to the contrary.*

And certainly this case is crucial to the longterm health and welfare of the entire Peoria area. Because the EPA permit for the landfill at issue here:

- 1) Allows 843 of the most toxic wastes known to be buried in this landfill -- and it is over the shallow aquifer that supplies most of this area's water;
- 2) It is adjacent to and upwind of the entire city -- and in just the last 5 years, *where* there have been studies, severe health effects have been ascribed to air pollutants from such landfills.

Toxic wastes are brought to this landfill here from an average of 11 to 12 states per year, and a total so far of 15.

Sincerely, *Tom Edwards*

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NOTE: The above case is PCB 06--184, Peoria Disposal Co. vs. Peoria County Board.

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Dear Ms. Webb,

Tomorrow, I understand, is to be your choice on whether to further delay, from January to March, your decision on the unambiguous 12 to 6 decision of the Peoria County Board not to issue a new permit to Peoria Disposal Co. to expand -- actually more than double the volume of its toxic waste landfill, which takes such wastes from a dozen states annually, and which lies immediately upwind of Peoria and over this area's aquifer.

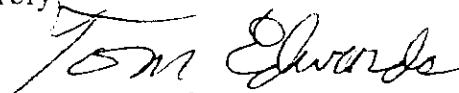
PDC, of course, will want you to procrastinate your decision. Time can diffuse such issues -- unless, of course, tragedy arrives.

January will be the ninth month since the county board's unequivocal decision. And the hearing record is before you.

There are far superior locations to dispose of such wastes, and far better means. That is the responsibility of the state and federal government to pursue. The right to say yes or no to a permit or its extension is Peoria County's only legal lever.

Without exaggeration, though still inadequately recognized, Peoria's health and welfare lies in your decision.

Sincerely,



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Note: Copy to IPCB clerk's office at Chicago.

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Atty. Carol Webb
Illinois Pollution Control Board
Dear Ms. Webb,

Re: Petition of Peoria Disposal Co. before the IPCB to ~~oppose~~ ^{petition} the ruling of the Peoria County Board not to grant an expansion permit for PDC's toxic waste landfill: *Hearing date change:*

I understand that PDC wants still another delay, from January to March, of its appeal of the county board's May 3 decision. Evidently PDC has made no plans for closure.

PDC has had this matter before it since November, 2003, initially via the "Host Agreement," up through the finally called public hearing and May 3, 2006, decision of the Peoria County Board, a total of 3 years. By January, 2007, it will be another eight months. The board has been and is still under a dictum (*ex parte?*) that entire time not to discuss this matter with anyone from the public, including during the appeal.

Moreover, dumping has been and continues going on pell mell. Its current 1987 10-year permit, already extended 9 years by IEPA from 1997, expires this year, 2006. So does the permit's still in effect 1987 volume limit, which is 2.64 million cubic yards (equivalent to just one million tons). *And the expansion permit sought is to add another 2.2 million tons, i.e., over twice what the present permit was to allow!* PDC's toxic 74-acre hill has already become highest in the area, and would become 5 stories, i.e., 45 feet higher. *And that hill has been a dumping ground long before 1987, way back to 1940!*

Remember: This hazardous waste landfill is also in a very hazardous location:

- 1) It sits over the local aquifer and relatively close to the wells which supply most of the Peoria area's water. (The owners of the water company are suddenly trying to sell it).
- 2) It is also immediately adjacent to and upwind of the entire Peoria area. Just recent research in the U.S. and Europe shows a higher rate of premature births, birth defects, and adult strokes in the vicinity of toxic waste landfills, ascribed to air pollutants. It only takes less than a billionth part of some chemicals to affect living organisms, of which we are one.

The IEPA permit allows 843 highly toxic chemicals, many the most toxic known to man, to be buried there -- and requires limited testing for only 20 of them.

*The state needs to close and secure this landfill for perpetuity. It needs to find a far safer site. Moreover, it needs to find superior means of dealing with hazardous waste.

We need to close this landfill while we have it in our grasp and attention to do so. And PDC is still extant and available to shoulder, at least share the costs.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH,

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