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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Dear Clerk's Office:

I am writing to express my strong concern for the toxic waste landfill on the city's west edge that may be expanded to include six million more cubic yards over the next 15 years. I am writing to not only reject the expansion of this landfill but also to request permanent closure; since we have become aware of several permanent problems effecting real people in this area.

There are 873 toxic chemicals that the Illinois EPA permits the Peoria Disposal Company to bury in this 74 acre landfill. Currently, the EPA is only conducting testing of groundwater on only 20 of the chemicals. A recent five country study in Europe found that babies born of mothers living within 2 miles of hazardous waste landfills had 40% more birth defects. This is hazardous to the health of Peoria residents.

Peoria has a dense population living downwind from a 2 mile radius of this landfill. This includes 265 residential streets and Bradley University; effecting single and multi-family residents and a huge college student population. 60% of our city water supply is drawn from the aquifer that adjoins this landfill. This is hazardous to the health of Peoria residents.

I do not want this highly toxic waster from throughout the Midwest and beyond right in Peoria. Currently, toxic wastes have come from 15 different states and filled our landfill located right in the heart of Illinois. This is hazardous to the health of Peoria residents and can affect our mortality rates.

I am asking you to: 1. Reject the expansion of this landfill. 2. Begin now the permanent closures of this landfill. 3. Become a community voice to urge the state and nation to require the development of detoxifying hazardous waste and recycling it instead of burying it in the ground where it remains hazardous. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Kristi S. Hill

A concerned member of this community.