

I support the Peoria County Board's decision to deny PDC's request for a permit to expand its' hazardous waste landfill.

This toxic waste landfill sits over the aquifer which is Peoria area's main water source and is upwind of the entire city.

Safe places and superior means of dealing with waste must be found.

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# Insanity to bury hazardous waste over water supply

I have been following the issue of proposed expansion of the Peoria Disposal Company's hazardous waste landfill on the west edge of Peoria, and attended PDC's presentation to the Peoria City Council last November.

This landfill is the worst thing I have seen in my 90 years in this community. I say that without reservation.

It is amazing that, in this era of space technology, we are building a mountain here of a couple million tons of a huge assortment of terribly toxic chemicals in the belief that a plastic liner will forever prevent them from leaking into the aquifer, from which over half of the Peoria area's tap water is pumped. PDC's toxic waste landfill sits right over that precious groundwater supply. Plastic breaks and cracks with age and stress, and chemicals can eat into and through it.

Moreover, it is the only hazardous waste land-

fill in Illinois and the greater part of the Midwest, and one of only a few in the nation. Many of the most toxic chemicals are permitted to be buried here, and 15 states send them here.

The majority of these chemicals are volatile, meaning they literally dissipate into the air we breathe. Yet there is no air pollution testing, and this factor is being ignored by our government.

If mankind keeps handling its waste this way, we are going to go the way of the dinosaurs. Of the billions we spend on space programs, we must spend as much, indeed, even far more on caring for and preserving our space ship Earth. We have to find ways to detoxify and recycle all such waste. It is insanity

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