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to protect Peoria residents and the
water supply. I have lived in
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like to keep the water & air clear for
my family

We support the Peoria County Board
decision to protect our community.
Please respect it

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JOIN IN SOLIDARITY

Peoria Disposal Co. has appealed to Illinois Pollution Control Board to overturn the Peoria County Boards' 12 to 6 decision to deny expansion of its' hazardous toxic waste land landfill. **The IPCB is to hand down its' decision on May 17, 2007.** This date could be changed.

RIGHT NOW take advantage of this once in a lifetime '*Golden Opportunity*' to speak out for a righteous cause. At stake is pollution of our water, air, and earth. *Our health is more precious than gold!!!* Halting of this can have far reaching rippling effects and be a major dynamic catalyst for pioneering technological changes for this city, our environment, industry, government, this nation and the global world at large. Help mankind from furthering self-made self-destruction.

RIGHT NOW as a New Year priority and gift to global humanity, yourself and your loved ones step up to the plate, uphold our well being, and speak out by writing. Let your heads' mind and hearts' mind together move you into action. **LET THE COMMUNITY VOICE RING IN THE NEW,** thank you.

WRITE a sentence or more in support of the Peoria County Board's decision against massive incoming dangers to this area from the hazardous landfill dump taking perhaps 15 mins.. Toxic waste and toxic chemicals are a huge global challenge. Write, and then sign with your address and **MAIL TO:** Illinois Pollution Control Board, Clerk's Office, Case PCB 2006-184, 100 W. Randolph St., Suite 11-500, Chicago, IL 60601 Postmarked by Apr. 6, only letters accepted for their web site

Our View - PDC gambit fails common sense test from the Journal Star on Thurs., Jan. 11, 07

Peoría Disposal Co. is working every angle in a push to expand its hazardous waste landfill near Pottstown.

First is its appeal of the Peoria County Board's decision to deny expansion; that rests with the state Pollution Control Board. Also in play is PDC's legal motion for summary judgment, which asks the pollution board to reject the county decision. PDC's attorney says the process was "fundamentally unfair," a claim that seems specious given the transparency and thoroughness of it all.

That PDC would appeal was all but certain. Its latest strategy, though, is surprising — *mind-bending*, even. The company is trying to win limited landfill expansion through its state-issued permit. How? PDC says it is the generator of the waste it treats and, as such, argues that Illinois environmental law exempts it from Peoria County's local siting authority.

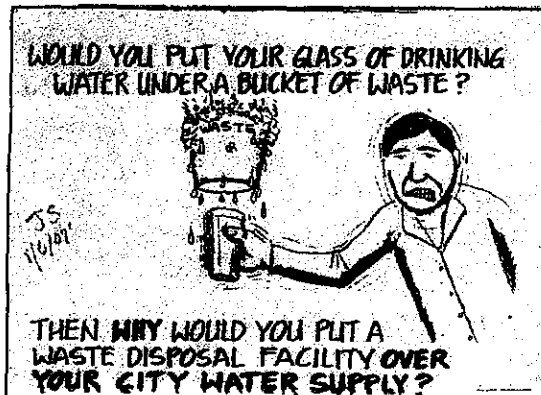
Forgive those who scratch their heads at this assertion. PDC is a *disposal company*. It accepts up to 850 different residues and metal-bearing dusts originating from businesses here and in nearby states. Were it not for these manufacturers, the landfill would be a big, empty hole. Yet the company argues that since it does treat much of the waste it accepts — 140,000 tons annually — it is altering its makeup, thereby "generating" a new waste.

This fails the common sense test. PDC runs a landfill, not a factory. Still, PDC claims to have the law on its side, citing two other companies' state permit experiences, as well as a 1994 case before the Illinois Supreme Court. The court ruling contained language concluding that PDC was a waste generator.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency rightly rejected such reasoning in the early 1990s, before the court case, when PDC sought a smaller vertical expansion through its permit. Hopefully, the IEPA will toss it out again. It's a slippery-slope argument. PDC treats hazardous waste because it's required to by federal law. Following that law shouldn't win it exemptions or change its identity. A landfill is a landfill.

At best, one could say PDC isn't putting all of its eggs in one basket. Or, one could view this maneuver as an end-run, designed to force the county back to the table. Either way it undermines the existing process for such sensitive decisions, which already has a pretty fair chain of appeals set up.

Beyond that, PDC's willingness to squeak through a limited expansion shows the revenue at stake here. It underscores what the County Board sacrificed — namely, a PDC-funded perpetual care fund — by nixing expansion. The county now finds itself in the unenviable position of fighting PDC's ever-multiplying angles.



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