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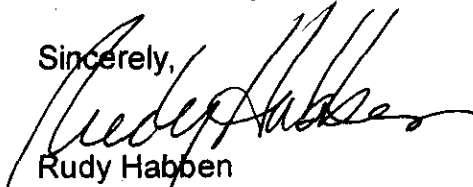
To the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

PC#229

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Case PCB 2006-184, regarding the Peoria Disposal Company Hazardous Waste Landfill. I attended hours of the hearings last year when the Peoria County Board and the public and the press could hear the testimony, questions, and comments regarding this issue. The hearings were conducted professionally and in full public view. This was a commendable process and allowed the public to be informed and to participate. Many important issues about the landfill were brought out at the hearings that I had not been aware of. I fully agree with the findings of fact and fully support the vote of the Peoria County Board to deny this landfill expansion.

The electronic listings for this case show that the date for a Pollution Control Board determination has been delayed because of a possible global settlement. I have attended recent Peoria County Board meetings and have heard requests during public comments that the County make what is being considered in this settlement available to the public. There is no information now that gives citizens a chance to determine if anything under consideration between the County and PDC is protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, or changes this landfill to make it compatible with a city of 113,000 people that is right next to it. I wonder if what is being considered somehow fixes the site, because the geology of this location has sand lenses and sand seams and will not ensure protection for our aquifer, that at some point will be affected by what is above it. No meetings have been held for the public to be informed about this possible global settlement. There is no sharing of information or chance for the public to find out about what is being considered and what are the reasons for such a deal. Looking at the openness of the hearings last year and the known public concerns about this landfill, I feel what is going on in Peoria now as a behind-the-scenes, private deal between the County and PDC. This is totally inappropriate, in light of the very open, informative, and fair process that was held last year.

Sincerely,


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