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Dear Mr Scott,

The physicians who study and treat cancer in Peoria have weighed in on the PDC issue. PDC was originally permitted for 10 years of operation by the IEPA in 1987. Whether by chance or ineptitude, the IEPA "forgot" to act on the 10 year permit renewal in 1997, effectively denying the opportunity for public comment at that time. PDC has enjoyed 20 years of operation on a 10 year permit, and has done so well, as evidenced by industry awards for this operation. However, they have continued to add more and more hazardous waste streams from outside of Illinois to this facility which was poorly sited in the first place. The location over the aquifer and close to residential neighborhoods would never be allowed by today's USEPA Standards. It should concern all of us knowing that the spoils from the cleanup of EPA Superfund Site s anywhere in the United States could be disposed of in Peoria. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! The health of Peoria County residents is more important than any benefits to PDC. They have had a great run, but knowing what we know today about cancer rates in Peoria and elevated blood lead levels in Peoria's children, the time to say NO MORE has arrived. Please stand firm in your decision to deny the expansion.

Enclosed, please find a letter from James McGee, M.D. Chairman of the Cancer Committee at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Gary Zwicky, M.D.

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May 8, 2007

Stephanie Flowers
Hearing Officer #21
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Dear Ms. Flowers:

I am the Chairman of the Cancer Committee at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center which is composed of cancer surgeons, oncologists, pathologists, radiation therapy physicians, nurses, cancer registrars and a lay person from the Peoria business community. We discussed PDC's pending application to expand the hazardous waste disposal facility at PDC #1 in Pottstown. After reviewing the IDPH data on elevated cancer rates in Peoria County, the Committee members felt that continued operation of the PDC facility poses significant risk to the health of Peoria County residents.

During the discussion, it was agreed that no one is saying that PDC's operation is directly causing cancer. Rather, the concern was that it just does not make good sense to continue importing known carcinogenic hazardous waste from outside Peoria County and outside the state of Illinois, and burying it in a site so close to a populated area and over the aquifer, in a county with a documented high cancer burden.

The Cancer Committee therefore adds its voice to those of the Medical Staff of all three Peoria Hospitals, the Peoria Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society in opposing the expansion of the Peoria Disposal Company's Hazardous Waste Landfill at Pottstown. Moreover, we urge the IEPA to help us protect the health of Peoria County residents by addressing the cleanup of the closed, unprotected "legacy" areas of the landfill which existed prior to RCRA regulations.

Sincerely,

James McGee, M.D.
Chair, Cancer Committee