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Stephanie Flowers
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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

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MEMORANDUM

**To: Illinois Pollution Control Board
Attention: Nicholas J. Melas
From: James L. McGee, MD, SM and Cindy Erangey, CTR
Date: June 20th, 2007
RE: Deliberation in regard to Peoria, Illinois**

Mr. Melas,

Attached please find a copy of a letter that was sent to Stephanie Flowers at the IEPA regarding the expansion of the PDC hazardous waste landfill located in Pottstown, Illinois. This letter was written as a result of communication at our Cancer Committee meeting and the concerns of the Committee members.

Please add this letter in your deliberation in regards to the pollution problems in Peoria, Illinois. If you are in need of any further information please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your time.

Attachment: 5-8-07 letter to Stephanie Flowers, IEPA

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Pollution Control Board**FAX COVER SHEET - HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES**TO: Nicholas J. Melas DATE: 6/20/07
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MESSAGE:

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