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Re: Request for time extension to appeal IPCB permit to PDC

Dear Sirs:

With this letter we hereby request :

An extension of one month, January, to file appeals of the IEPA's new permit (termed "permit renewal") issued by the IEPA for the continued operation of the Peoria Disposal Co.'s hazardous waste landfill at Peoria with no terminal date.

Enclosed is an "overview" of objections and history, which will be followed with detailed objections and suggestions.

Explanation:

- 1) The period given by the IEPA to respond to its permit decision was precisely coterminous with the Christmas holiday season (Thanksgiving to New Year's Day) when people are deeply preoccupied with family and friends -- as I have been with my far-flung children and grandchildren.
- 2) This is a vital matter to the health and welfare of the people, and vitality, of the Peoria area, perhaps the most vital local issue in its history. Yet there has been no publicity about the existence of the revision of this hugely important permit.
- 3) There is no need to rush public response to this very technical document. It has been in effect, with IEPA extensions, for 20 years and has two years to go (2009) under its present extension. Its proposed replacement by the IEPA -- and first ever provision for public review -- deserves much more appropriate time for this needed review.

Thank you,



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EPA's permit to PDC was originally for 10 years. But via extensions it is now in its 21st year. EPA has until now been regularly granting extensions without public hearings that it is mandated to hold. Now the IEPA has been preparing substitute permit language rather than preparing for closure of the landfill. The new permit issue has been before the county board for 4 years, the length of World War II.

Yet IEPA is giving just this month -- the Christmas holiday period when people are most preoccupied -- for the public to digest its new 197-page highly technical permit.

Yet, PDC has already well exceeded the EPA's original permitted waste volume, though it is titularly still in effect. And PDC has applied for a permit to triple its volume -- which would make its humongous hill of toxic waste the *highest* hill, by far, in its vicinity.

If we knew in 1987 what we know now, such a landfill in that location would certainly never have been permitted. State and federal officials need to correct that mistake. They can if they will.

We ask that, rather than a new permit, the EPA concentrate on simply getting:

- 1) Closure and post-closure regulations greatly strengthened;**
- 2) And stronger state laws regarding such landfills.**

(Note: Sources are available for all the above points.)

Tom Edwards