Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I am writing regarding the Illinois EPA's renewal of Peoria Disposal Company's operating permit effective January 1, 2008 (case PCB-08-42). Prior to the renewal, you upheld the Peoria County Board's decision to deny an expansion request from PDC. You also upheld an IEPA decision to deny PDC a permit modification that would have exempted it from the Peoria County Board's siting authority. I ask you to carefully review the new permit to ensure that it does not give PDC a backdoor for expanding operations and does not push the anticipated closure date further into the future. I also ask you to send the permit back and ask IEPA to require more, not less, monitoring of groundwater and air emissions and mandate that monitoring results be analyzed by an independent lab rather than PDC.

When the PDC hazardous waste landfill was grandfathered into existence, I do not believe the state legislature ever intended it to be operational in the 21st century. Please work with the citizens of Central Illinois to begin the process of closing this unwanted legacy and continuing threat to the health and safety of our community

Control Board

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