Mr. John Therriault

Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Board

James R Thompson Center

Chicago, II

July 6, 2011

RE: IEPA v. Patrick and Monique Patterson (IEPA No. 128-11-AC)

Mr. Therriault,

I wish to file a Petion to Contest the above case number and request a review by your agency on two of the three violations issued by your inspector, Mr. Paul Eisenbrandt.

Reasons for the protest are these...

#1. In the case of open dumping, the inspector notes various small items displaced throughout the yard. Most of these items are used by a 6 year old in his play time to make bridges or whatever he does with 2" x 4"'s, conduit, pipe or sometimes even culverts. The inspector also noted a large pile of horse matting that was taken out of the stables and pushed into a pile for future use. These mats range up to 40' long x 5' wide and very difficult to stack inside or outside in an orderly fashion. There was also several 5 gallon buckets laid on their sides and blown throughout the back lot of the barn. The Christmas trees were brought in for fish structure and are to be weighted by the concrete blocks. The black tile is also used as non-biodegradable fish structure that is snag free. The tire was there when I bought the house in 2008 and did not know it was back there. I do not have a vehicle or trailer that it will fit. It is on a rim and therefore does not collect water for mosquitoes.

#2. In the case of off-site construction debris being brought onto the premises and open dumped, the inspector notes many of the above examples as well. I contest this for the trees were brought out in February when the ice was too thin and dangerous to place on top of. I save the extra pieces of black corrugated tile that are long enough to accomplish what they need for the non-biodegradable fish

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structure and the blocks were left over from the construction of the house which I plan to use for the trees and corrugated pipe. I bring left over clean rock from jobs to use on my ½ mile gravel road. I bring left over landscape rock for future uses at the house. The yard is not landscaped for I am waiting to run city water. As soon as that occurs, the rock will be used immediately.

These two citations, I wish to contest.

I have pictures and a receipt for a dumpster that hauled away the stained soil and other fragments that were burned. I am not contesting the illegal burning for it obviously happened; however, I did not know that it was occurring. My well to my house lies directly below this area and I would be an idiot to burn something like this and allow it to go directly into my well.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I can forward any pictures to you via e-mail. I attempted to talk to Ms. Michelle Ryan at your Spfld location but she was out of the office. I can be reached at 217 691-8555.

Thank you in advance,

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