May 9, 2012

Re: 1770205230 Freeport/White property

Dear Sir:

## ORIGANAL RETURN TO CLERK'S OFFICE

In response to the citation received, I am requesting that the board reviews the complaint and consider other circumstances in this situation.

I am the owner of the said property, but I had no knowledge of what was taking place on the site until I received correspondence from Kaare Jacobsen in September of 2011. At that time I contacted Ronald Brumfield and told him I was contacted about the property and that he should take care of the situation and clean it up. I never gave him permission to operate a dumping site on the property. Mr. Jacobsen also sent pictures of the site. I visually inspected the site in December of 2011 and again told Mr. Brumfield to take care of the situation. I also called some the services in the area inquiring about hiring someone to clean the property, but was told that they do not do that type of work.

I did contact Mr. Jacobsen in January indicating that I would be in Freeport soon to start cleanup on the property. I failed to do that because of transportation and money issues. I currently am unemployed and my husband is retired on a fixed income. We are working to take care of the situation. I only ask for more time to get

CLERK'S OFFICE MAY 1 8, 2012 STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board things together. I personally had not knowledge of what was going on with the property until after the fact, and this is no easy task to rectify.

I own the property, but Ronald Brumfield caused the situation without my consent or without my knowledge. I did not cause or allow any dumping /open burning or water collection in tires on the property.

I respectfully ask for at least 30 days to get the situation resolved.

Thank You

**Ruth White** 

MR BRUM FIELD HAS been ObSERVED BURNING ON SAID PROPERLY, but to my KNOWINGE no ticket or aidation has over been issued to him!