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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

PC# 26

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John Therriault, Deputy Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Suite 11-500 Chicago, IL 60601

Re:

PCB 2007-084 North Milam

Dear Mr. Therriault:

Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site, so designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is one of just 20 such sites in the United States. The list includes the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty and Yellowstone National Park. Other World Heritage Sites include the Great Wall of China and the Pyramids of Egypt.

Enclosed is a map produced by Southwestern Illinois GIS Resource Center for Cahokia Mounds showing the Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site and National Historic Landmark boundary.

The site Waste Management is proposing for the new North Milam landfill is to the left of the waterbody in the upper left, between the railroad track and the Cahokia Canal, and is 2100 feet of the Cahokia Mounds boundary.

We believe this map combined with Waste Management's own documents will help the Board to visualize the proximity of the proposed landfill to the Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site.

As the UNESCO World Heritage site says: Heritage is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration. World Heritage sites belong to all the peoples of the world, irrespective of the territory on which they are located.

Cahokia Mounds belongs to the world. It is our duty to protect and preserve it.

Sincerely.

Kathy Andria President

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