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Illinois Pollution Control Board
Attn: Carol Webb, Hearing Officer
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Springfield, IL 62794-9274

Re: PDC hazardous waste landfill

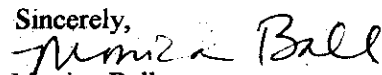
Dear Ms. Webb:

Peoria, IL, is home to myself and my two young children, and I'm writing to express my opposition to the expansion of PDC's hazardous waste landfill outside of Peoria. The EPA admits that all landfills, including hazardous ones and including those with liners, will leak eventually. ^{*see reverse} Therefore, it would be foolhardy and irresponsible to allow additional hazardous waste materials to be landfilled in our backyards and on top of our water supply.

PDC's current application is essentially the same expansion proposal that was rejected by the Peoria County Board in May 2006. Despite strong public opposition, denial by the Peoria County Board, and denial of PDC's appeal in June 2007, PDC is still hoping to thwart local authority to regulate the siting of hazardous waste landfills and proceed with a vertical expansion at the existing landfill.

Additionally, PDC's claim to be a waste generator is an insult to our intelligence. A child may pick up a discarded plastic bag found on the street, fill it with pine cones and smear mud all over the bag. By PDC's logic, the child is now the generator of the waste which happens to be the plastic bag in this example. Please don't allow PDC to get away with this illogical attempt to avoid regulation of their activities as a waste disposal company.

I urge you to deny PDC's application. Please show them that common sense, logic, and the legal system dictate that they are indeed a waste disposal company and not a waste generator. Please also remind them the local authorities and the local public have spoken loudly on this issue. We do not want more of the country's most toxic waste stockpiled in our backyard on top of our drinking water supply.

Sincerely,

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*In the *FEDERAL REGISTER* Feb. 5, 1981, the EPA first stated its opinion that all landfills will eventually leak:

"There is good theoretical and empirical evidence that the hazardous constituents that are placed in land disposal facilities very likely will migrate from the facility into the broader environment. This may occur several years, even many decades, after placement of the waste in the facility, but data and scientific prediction indicate that, in most cases, even with the application of best available land disposal technology, it will occur eventually." [pg. 11128]

"Manmade permeable materials that might be used for liners or covers (e.g., membrane liners or other materials) are subject to eventual deterioration, and although this might not occur for 10, 20 or more years, it eventually occurs and, when it does, leachate will migrate out of the facility." [pg. 11128]

"Consequently, the regulation of hazardous waste land disposal facilities must proceed from the assumption that migration of hazardous wastes and their constituents and by-products from a land disposal facility will inevitably occur." [pg. 11129]

"Some have argued that liners are devices that provide a perpetual seal against any migration from a waste management unit. EPA has concluded that the more reasonable assumption, based on what is known about the pressures placed on liners over time, is that any liner will begin to leak eventually." [pgs. 32284-32285].

In the *FEDERAL REGISTER* May 26, 1981 (pgs. 28314 through 28328), the EPA argued forcefully that all landfills will eventually leak. Another EPA quote:

"Many organic constituents are stable (degrade very slowly); other hazardous constituents (e.g., toxic metals) never degrade. Yet the existing technology for disposing of hazardous wastes on or in the land cannot confidently isolate these wastes from the environment forever.

"Since disposing of hazardous wastes in or on the land inevitable [inevitably?] results in the release of hazardous constituents to the environment at some time, any land disposal facility creates some risk." [pg. 28315]