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To: The Illinois Pollution Control Board  
From: The Will County Environmental Network

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The membership of the Will County Environmental Network voted to send this letter detailing our work with Midwest Generation over the past years during our meeting January 28, 2013.

The members have found the environmental team at Midwest Generation, under the leadership of Maria Race, to be open in its communication with our group.

When a threat to ground water quality existed because of the quarry filling project on Brandon Road, Midwest was proactive in contacting neighbors and working toward an understanding of the problem and remediation options. Maria Race attended meetings with the neighborhood and was willing to listen to and respond to concerns. As a result, some 17 residents received new, deeper wells in answer to the situation.

It is our belief that the open approach Midwest Generation took towards solving the problem is one to be modeled. This open communication led to our members contacting Maria Race when we learned there was a plan to drain Boyd's Quarry (directly east of the Midwest Generation fill operation) that could impact future water quality. Our calls led to Midwest Generation being able to prevent the draining of the quarry, averting contamination of more wells.

We believe that open communication between industry and the environmental community is necessary for progress to be made. We appreciate the efforts Midwest Generation has made to answer member concerns and attend our meetings and roundtable discussions. We also appreciated the opportunity to meet with Midwest Gen at its Joliet plant.

The mission of the network for the past 31 years has been to work to protect and defend the environment. We recognize in many instances that the work of protecting the environment begins with industry and citizens working together to define problems and create solutions.

Through the years, the members of the Environmental Network have turned to the Pollution Control Board many times. Today, we also thank you for the work you do to find a balance so that as we go forward generations to come can enjoy the beauty of the Prairie State.

Sincerely,



Mary Baskerville, President  
Will County Environmental Network