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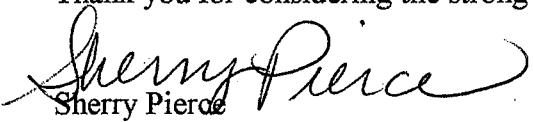
Pollution Control Board,

I am writing about the proposed landfill expansion involving Rochelle Waste Disposal, L.L.C., vs. City Council of the city of Rochelle, Illinois, case number 188 and PCB 2003-218. As a local resident of Rochelle, I have many concerns about the proposed landfill site.

We in northern Illinois are blessed with an abundance of fresh ground water; where as other parts of our state are not. How we care for it is up to us. Whether your water comes from a city well or a private well, it all comes from the ground. We complain when we don't have it and complain when it has minerals that stain or smell, but we do have enough of it if we take care of it. A landfill site is a concentration of contamination. These contaminants could leach into groundwater. The proposed landfill is located above our water supply. We in Rochelle don't want contaminants over our drinking water. Understanding that we need to put our waste somewhere, maybe other things should be considered. We should think about putting our waste in areas that have no or very little fresh water.

This could very well have been what the city council had in mind when they said "no" to this landfill expansion earlier this year. It was very heartwarming to see that their opinion was not biased by the large amounts of money offered by the applicant.

Thank you for considering the strong opinions of Rochelle.


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