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Clerk of Pollution Control Board Dorothy M. Gunn IPCB - Ref PCB 03-218 James R. Thompson Center, Suite 11-500 100 W. Randolph St. Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Ms. Gunn:

We do not understand why Rochelle Waste Disposal is appealing the decision of the Rochelle City Council to deny the expansion of its landfill. The decision was based upon the evidence presented and made in a fair and unbiased manner. City council members are elected by the public in order to serve the best interests of the community and the decision to deny expansion did, in our opinion, exactly that.

The current landfill is already leaking and this may be a threat to the water supply of the Rochelle-Creston area. The Illinois Pollution Control Board should certainly be concerned about this problem.

The costs of expanding the Rochelle landfill, in our opinion, outweigh the benefits. While a few will make money from this expansion, future maintenance, closure and clean-up costs will be enormous and will become a heavy burden for local residents and the state.

The expansion is a bad idea and unnecessary for servicing locally-generated garbage. We hope the Illinois Pollution Control Board will support the decision of the Rochelle City Council to deny expansion. Thank you.

Truly,

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