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Re: PCB 03-221

Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I would like to urge you to uphold the McHenry County Board's denial of the Lowe Waste Transfer Station. I attended nearly all of the Board's hearings and the evidence strongly supported the denial.

Criterion #2: The proposed facility is next to the Hollows, barely outside of the required distance from a dense town home subdivision, closer than required to a proposed commercial and residential development (that had been planned for many years), and upstream from the water source for many other communities. Mr. Lowe has no prior experience and therefore is personally unable to give assurances based on a proven record.

Criterion #3: Mr. Lowe and his team gave testimony that actually showed the harm such a facility does to the neighboring community but claimed that it did not. The team was using false assumptions and molded the results to support their position. The McHenry County Board saw the fallacy and voted a resounding "No."

Criterion #5: Mr. Lowe's expert used the Auto Turn program only for the smaller trucks. Again the McHenry County Board voted against this criterion due to the design of the facility. The acreage is too small for this type of operation.

I am confident that you will support the McHenry County Board in their decision to reject the Lowe Waste Transfer Station.

Sincerely,


Suzanne E. Johnson

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