

Fox, Tim

From: mike-jem@consolidated.net
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Fox, Tim
Subject: RE: [External] Urgent Request: Explanation for Complaint Dismissal & Immediate Action Needed

Dear Tim Fox,

Thank you for your response and for taking the time to consider the concerns regarding the anhydrous ammonia storage plant. I appreciate your attention to this matter and your willingness to review the potential risks associated with such facilities.

Given the serious implications of a release, I believe it is crucial that all safety measures and regulations are thoroughly evaluated to protect the residents of Kincaid. If there are any upcoming discussions or reviews on this issue, I would be interested in contributing further insights or engaging in dialogue to ensure community safety remains a priority.

Please let me know if there is anything further I can provide or if a follow-up conversation would be beneficial. I look forward to continued engagement on this topic.

Best regards,

Michael Laurenzana

From: Fox, Tim <Tim.Fox@illinois.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 9:02 AM
To: mike-jem@consolidated.net
Cc: Brown, Don <Don.Brown@illinois.gov>; Tipsord, Marie <Marie.Tipsord@illinois.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Urgent Request: Explanation for Complaint Dismissal & Immediate Action Needed

Mr. Laurenzana, the Board intends to add this request to the agenda of its next regularly-scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025, so that it could act on it at that time.

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Subject: [External] Urgent Request: Explanation for Complaint Dismissal & Immediate Action Needed

Michael Laurenzana

Kincaid, Illinois, United States

Wednesday, 02 April 2025

To: Illinois Pollution Control Board

CC: attorneygeneral@ilag.gov; 'Peter Chung' <peter.chung@sierraclub.org>; NRC@uscg.mil; oshagov@osha.gov; 'Congresswoman Mary Miller' <IL15MM.Outreach@mail.house.gov>; laurenzana@consolidated.net; info@prairierivers.org; info@osha.gov; contact@epa.gov; news@wics.com

Subject: Formal Request for Explanation of Complaint Dismissal & Urgent Call for Investigation

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board, I recently sent a letter to your office requesting an update on a complaint I filed on January 24, 2025. However, I have since been informed that the complaint was dismissed on March 20, 2025. I am seeking a detailed explanation for this decision, as the concerns outlined in my complaint pose a serious threat to public safety, environmental stability, and the well-being of the community surrounding Lake Sangchris.

Your office is now fully aware of the hazards associated with the Anhydrous Ammonia Bulk Storage Facility near Sangchris Lake, and by dismissing this complaint, you bear responsibility for any future consequences. If a release were to occur, evacuation would be the only option—but if this happens at night, many residents, including myself, may have no time to react. This would result in loss of life and undeniable evidence that the Board knowingly disregarded warnings about this imminent danger.

It is deeply concerning that legal technicalities and bureaucratic processes are standing in the way of addressing a matter that is fundamentally about the safety and survival of the community. Regulatory hurdles should never justify inaction when lives are at risk. The dismissal of this complaint does not erase the dangers posed by this facility, and failure to act will only serve to heighten the potential for catastrophe.

I formally request that the Board open an immediate investigation into these safety concerns and provide a clear timeline of the corrective actions that will be taken. If no action will be pursued, I request written confirmation of this decision so that official liability is established for any future incidents stemming from this oversight.

I will include the complaint I previously filed, and I appreciate your full consideration of all the factors outlining these concerns. The issues presented are of urgent importance, and I ask that they be reviewed thoroughly. Additionally, I have CC'd relevant officials, environmental groups, and media outlets to ensure transparency and accountability regarding this matter.

This is not merely a regulatory formality—it is a matter of life and death for the residents surrounding Sangchris Lake. I urge the Board to reconsider its stance and take necessary action before this hazard turns into a tragedy.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Michael Laurenzana

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