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Subject: RE: Complaint about 8/18/08 IPCB Hearing in Peoria case AS08-10

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 >Date: Tue, 19 Aug 2008 15:09:33 -0500

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 >Matt,
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 >We have received your email and docketed it as part of the AS 08-10 docket
 >as Public Comment #6. It will be available in its entirety tomorrow for
 >full text viewing and printing.
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 >>> "Matt Varble" <> 8/19/2008 1:52 PM >>>
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 >As an FYI I am also forwarding this email to the media. I have also
 >contacted State Representative Bill Mitchell to also express my concerns to
 >him about how this 8/18/08 IPCB hearing was conducted. What happened
 >yesterday was extremely inappropriate and I expect something to be done
 >about this.
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 >Thank You,
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 >Matt Varble, MBA, SPHR
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 >>From: "Matt Varble" <>
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 Date: Tue, 19 [REDACTED] 21 -0500
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 >>To Whom it may concern:
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 >>I was in attendance at the 8/18/08 IPCB hearing in Peoria regarding case
 >AS
 >>08-10. I have several procedural complaints about how the hearing was

> >conducted that need to be addressed:
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> >1. The hearing officer Ms. Webb limited participation to no more than 10
> >minutes per person at the hearing and did not permit me to complete my
> >presentation yesterday. When I asked before I began speaking if I would
>be
> >permitted to make an oral motion, I was informed by Ms. Webb that I could
> >do so, and then in the middle of my presentation I was told that my
>motion
> >was going to be taken as a "request" instead. This was after the hearing
> >officer allowed the legal council representing Peoria Disposal to
>interrupt
> >and present arguments in response to my comments while I was speaking.
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> >2. The hearing officer allowed the legal council Ms. Clair Manning
> >(representing Peoria Disposal Company) to interrupt me when I was
> >presenting and allowed Ms. Manning to object and take control of the
> >situation and cut me off from speaking while I was making an oral motion
>at
> >the hearing and also discussing the needs and reasons for why a second
> >hearing needed to be scheduled in DeWitt County for this case.
>Additionally
> >Ms. Manning's interruption and objection took away the limited time that
>I
> >was allotted to speak. Additionally no time limit for people wishing to
> >speak was announced at the beginning of the hearing and only happened
>after
> >Ms. Manning began objecting and attempting to obstruct me from making
> >public comments. Following my presentation there were several speakers
>that
> >exceeded 10 (uninterrupted) minutes of speaking that were allowed to
> >continue talking. Of the 27 people who made public comments I was the
>only
> >person who was interrupted. Additionally Ms. Webb stated time limits to
> >only those speaking in opposition to the proposed de-listing, but made NO
> >time limit reminder to Corporation Representatives from the Steel
>industry
> >that were speaking in favor of the delisting petition before the IPCB.
>This
> >had the appearance of bias on its face and must be addressed.
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> >3. The legal council for the IEPA that was present at the meeting began
> >knitting while the proceedings were occurring. Obviously this is a
>concern
> >I have as a citizen due to the apparent lack of seriousness that the
>State
> >IEPA has toward public comments at an IPCB hearing.
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> >Based on these above stated reasons I again assert that another hearing
> >should be scheduled and that a stricter adherence to rules and procedures
> >be followed during the public commenting process. I would appreciate
>these
> >concerns being looked into and addressed immediately.
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> >Thank You,
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> >Matt Varble, MBA, SPHR

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Well, maybe after they finish their knitting

Several members of the DeWitt County Board are placing their trust in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to protect DeWitt County residents from the potential health hazards associated with allowing a Chemical Waste Landfill and, now, the treated residue of K061 Electric Arc Furnace Dust, a TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, to be disposed of at the Clinton Landfill, which is over the area's water supply, the Mahomet Aquifer.

The picture below shows three IEPA staff members, who were the agency's official representatives at the Illinois Pollution Control Board's public hearing Aug. 18, 2008 in Peoria on hazardous K061 dust disposal. At one point during the hearing, while members of the public expressed their concerns, the lady at the right, the IEPA legal counsel attending the hearing in an official capacity, decided her time was better spent catching up on her knitting.

Is the IEPA an agency that is really concerned about the health and welfare of DeWitt County residents or the profits and demands of the hazardous waste generators and the hazardous waste disposal industry?



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