ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
October 29, 2026

KENDA C. HESS, THERESA ADAMS, LORI SHIELDS, and JOHN AND JOYCE BORCHERS,	)	
Petitioners,	)	PCB 27-02
v.	)	(Third-Party Pollution Control Facility Siting Appeal)
AREA DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC., and VILLAGE OF RANTOUL,	)	
Respondents.	)	

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On October 14, 2026, petitioners filed a motion to compel discovery responses from respondent Area Disposal Service. Respondent Area Disposal Service filed a response on October 28, 2026. The hearing is scheduled for November 4, 2026.

The motion is denied due to time constraints, but this does not preclude petitioners from seeking answers to their interrogatories through witness testimony at hearing as long as the questions relate to petitioners' fundamental fairness allegation that evidence in the record suggests that Area Disposal and/or its experts worked with Rantoul's governing body and staff so closely that they prejudged criteria. If respondent wishes to minimize such questions at hearing, respondent may provide petitioners with updated discovery responses at least 24 hours before hearing.

The document request is too open-ended and potentially voluminous to require compliance this close to the hearing date. The motion seeks all documents and communications between Area Disposal and Rantoul, Area Disposal and the hearing officer, Area Disposal and Foth, communications relating to the adoption of the solid waste ordinance, and Rantoul's internal documents. If granted, this would require a substantial effort and hinder respondent's ability to prepare for hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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