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IPCB Clerk, Dorothy Gunn
Waste Management Appeal Hearings
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street
Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601-3220

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Dear Ms. Gunn:

Attached please find the letter that we sent to the Kankakee County Clerk on January 27, 2004. The opinions and feelings that we expressed in that letter are the same today. We are disappointed and saddened to learn that after the Kankakee County Board voted **no** to the proposed expansion on **two** separate occasions, Waste Management is continuing to pursue its proposal.

As homeowners, we felt that the Kankakee County Board **heard** the sentiments of the people of Kankakee County and followed the feelings of their constituents after carefully weighing all the research presented against the proposed expansion.

We urge you to thoughtfully consider our concerns regarding Waste Management's attempts to re-open the issues and expand the landfill in spite of the negative impact an expansion would make on the area immediately surrounding the proposed site and the entire county of Kankakee.

Sincerely,

Jack Hilliker
Joanne Hilliker
Jack and Joanne Hilliker
365 A E. 6000 S. Road
Chebanse, Illinois 60922

January 27, 2004

Bruce Clark
Kankakee County Clerk
189 E. Court Street
Kankakee, Illinois 6090

Re: Landfill Docket

Dear Mr. Clark:

Our property is located at 365 A and B East 6000 S. Road in Chebanse. We are directly across the road from the landfill to the north.

When my husband and his late wife purchased the property in the 70's, they were aware of the landfill and were under the impression, like every other property owner in the area, that the landfill would close when filled to capacity, be capped off, and become a park or nature area. Looking ahead to that time, the investment would be a good one. Now, almost thirty years later, and with the proposal of a huge landfill expansion, we, like the other property owners in the area, are concerned about our **property values**.

Our home has been remodeled; we have five acres of beautifully maintained land, including a number of perennial gardens. One of our retirement dreams is to enjoy our home and the land that surrounds it and be confident that the investment made thirty years ago was a sound one.

Because of our proximity to the landfill, we have four areas of concern in addition to our property values. The first area of concern is the **quality of our water**. When our well was dug in 1976, the water was clear, odor free, and pure. As years have passed, the water has become discolored, and there is a distinct, unpleasant odor and taste. We have the water periodically tested, and so far the quality is within acceptable limits. Especially in light of Ron Thompson's power point presentation, and the knowledge that there is contamination in two or more of the test wells, we will continue to get our water tested and hope for the best. Testimony from Waste Management indicated that the chemicals leaking from the wells are naturally occurring, but the thought of dichloroethylene (a possible cause of liver problems), vinyl chloride (a known carcinogen), arsenic (another known carcinogen), methyl ethyl ketone (not considered lethal, but damages reproductive systems), and boron (another risk for reproductive systems), being in our water is disconcerting to say the least. (The Daily Journal Thursday, May 30, 2002)

The second concern is **noise**. The daily operation of the landfill is a noisy process. The truck activity, digging, and well sounds can be heard all day long.

The third concern is **debris**. Although clean-up crews gather blown debris after major windy days, and in spite of fencing to prevent debris, we can find an assortment of

garbage on our property almost on a daily basis.

The fourth concern is **odor**. During summer months especially, but even in the winter, spring, and fall, the odors coming from the landfill are obnoxious. Nothing is more disconcerting than to be in our gardens, surrounded by lovely landscape and beautiful flower gardens, and be distracted by foul odors coming from across the road.

These four concerns affect us and all the property owners in the vicinity of the present landfill and the proposed landfill extension. The additional concern of a major **traffic** problem on RT 45/52 will affect all travelers as well as homeowners in the area.

We attended last week's meeting and hope that you and the other Kankakee County Board Members, will take to heart the concerns of the homeowners who spoke up at the meeting in addition to those like us who are sending their concerns in writing.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hilliker
365 A East 6000 S. Rd.
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