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Pollution Control Board

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RE: Waste Management
and
County Board of Kankakee
County, Illinois

PCB 04-186

PC#26

Dear Ms. Gunn,

About a month ago I wrote to you concerning the problems with Waste Management in this county. I'm writing again as certain things have taken place in the special meeting called for Wednesday May 25th as opposed to their regular meeting day of the second Tuesday of each month. Several members of OUTRAGE and POWER groups were in attendance as were several supporters of Ann Bernard, Board member opposed to Waste Management. We carried placards and signs voicing our disapproval of the plan to allow Waste Management to increase the size of their garbage dump. Several people spoke at the meeting stating their opposition to the plan. Then in a closed session, the county Board voted to come to your agency asking that the previous two negative votes on this issue be set aside as an intervening election had changed the membership of the board and therefore they now had a vote of 19 ayes to 6 nays. I am no expert on Robert's Rules of Order nor of legal procedures pertaining to the issue of changing a vote once it has been passed by the board. I have talked with many others who are better informed than I on such matters. They all said they thought it was illegal at least could not be accepted as a legitimate vote and thereby cancel previous votes on the same issue.

This new proposal differs considerably from the application now on appeal with IPCB. The County's special attorney, Charles Heston, advised the County to vote to file a stipulation of remand to the County Board for a re-vote of the present application which is now on appeal with IPCB. Since no fundamental unfairness was discovered during the hearing, it makes the stipulation unfounded. Testifying Board Members admitted they made their decision "on the record" and were not influenced

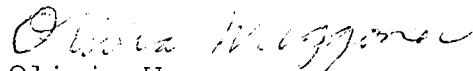
by communication with the public.

Waste Mangement consistently and persistently refuses to give consideration to re-locating the dump site. As it is now, the site is periously close to the Kankakee River and virtually on top of a stream feeding into the river. Thus the water supply for thousands of people is being jeopardized. Though the Medical Profession has not come forth publicly to voice their negative position on the dump, one docter has given me permsision to use his name in this letter, Mehemet Sipahi, M.D., as being totally against Waste Management's proposition, as are many of the medical people in this area. The present site allows seepage to run into a stream that then empties into the river. Another location would eliminate this problem. But they do not even consider it. The dump is thoroughly disliked in the entire county. Especially by those persons living close to it. Yet the County Board persists in it's backing of the proposed extended site.

Also, I have learned that there is Mercury found in the river water. This information was given to a member of the POWER group by a Biologist of the water company. While it is not yet of highly dangerous amount, it is a clear indication that something is wrong with Waste Management's handling of contaminants. Taking this into consideration, it appears that Waste Management is not the company Kankakee County wants to handle their water supply. It has also come to my attention that the County Board, sometime in the 19880s'. gave permission for Waste Management to dump unspecified amounts of Mercury into the river,

We would respectfully request that you deny the County's stipulations. We also respectfully request IPCB to continue the appeal process which has been on-going for nearly a year, and that you deny Waste Management's appeal and uphold the County's denial. Additionally, we request that you stipulate to Waste Management that any new proposal for a landfill application must follow 39.2 legislation and such requires a whole new hearing process.

Sincerely yours,


Olivia Waggoner