ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 11, 1991

FRANK WHITLOCK, PATRICIA

WHITLOCK, JANET BERGMAN,

MARVIN SAVAGE, SHIRLEY SAVAGE,

Individually and in Their

Capacity as Representatives

of an Organization Known as

CONCERNED CITIZENS AGAINST

LANDFILLS,

Petitioners,

V.

PCB 90-231

(Landfill Siting)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS, ROBERT BISHOP,

and ARMINDA BISHOP,

)

CONCURRING OPINION (R.C. Flemal and J. Theodore Meyer):

Respondents.

Although we agree with the fact outcome reached in this case, we wish to concur in the majority opinion in this case. The Appellate Court's strict construction of the notice requirements under Section 39.2(b) of the Act has resulted in decisions by the Board and the Courts in regional pollution control facilities (RPCF) siting appeals being based on procedural grounds. These cases are decided without reaching the merits of the case. Once jurisdiction is found to be lacking, the local board's decision is vacated. Therefore, the RPCF siting process must begin again. We feel that judicial economy would be better served by a less strict construction which would allow the Board to view the facts of a case to determine if prejudice has occurred.

Ronald C. Flemal

J. Theodore Meyer

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board