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Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB)
James Thompson Center
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

PC#34

Re: Case Number PCB 03-221

August 14, 2003

Dear Ms. Gunn,

On Tuesday, May 6, 2003, the McHenry County Board voted to deny the application to site a waste transfer facility along U.S. Route 14 by the proposed Marshall Lowe Solid Owned Northwest Highway Waste Transfer Facility (A.K.A. "Solid Waste Transfer Station"). There are nine, required, state-established criteria for siting a waste transfer station. The applicant was denied the application because of the failure to meet all nine criteria. In fact, it was the McHenry County Board's determination that the applicant did not meet three out of the nine required criteria. It is not a question of a near miss here. One-third or roughly 33% of the criteria were not met (Criteria #2, #3 and #5).

We support the McHenry County Board's unanimous decision that Criteria #2, Criteria #3 and Criteria #5 were not met by the applicant.

- If the application was approved, there would be a substantial increase in garbage truck traffic, which would lead to increased air pollution, noise pollution, vermin, potential groundwater pollution, unwelcome odors and garbage smells.
- If the application was approved, the proposed location of the Waste Transfer Facility would border The Hollows, a sensitive McHenry County conservation area threatening this sensitive area's well-being and ultimately, the public's welfare.
- If the application was approved, the proposed location of the Waste Transfer Facility would be just over 1000 feet from Bright Oaks, one of Cary's largest residential neighborhoods. Residents do not want garbage in their backyards.
- If the application was approved, the Waste Transfer Facility would have lead to a significant increase in slow-moving truck traffic (including garbage and semi-trailer trucks), adding to an ever-increasing traffic congestion problem and resulting in a significant impact on existing traffic flow.
- If the application was approved, proper protection of the public's health, safety and welfare would be at grave risk. The proposed Waste Transfer Facility site is simply far too close to neighboring residents and sensitive conservation areas and would simply downgrade our quality of life.

We strongly support the McHenry County Board's decision to deny this application and hereby request that our support of the Board's decision be added to the public record.

We are hereby submitting a signed copy of this letter to Cameron Davis, Village Administrator for the Village of Cary and the IPCB Hearing Officer.

Sincerely,

Clare Baker and Delores Baker

Ms. Clare Baker, Delores Baker

Cc Mailed To: Cameron Davis, Village Administrator for the Village of Cary