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STATE OF ILLINOIS
POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Regarding Case #PCB 03-188 and PCB 03-218

Dear Dorothy,

There has been much negative response to the malicious lies being spread in Rochelle by a group called CCOC that people who I thought were fairly intelligent with some common sense have come to believe that the proposed landfill expansion is a terrible, dirty thought. Terminology like "dump city", "dump juice".."save the water" .. "save our children" to scare the hell out of the people in this community.

To be positive in my thoughts about disagreeing with their lies, I took time to go to the landfill site myself to see what was going on. I was amazed at the size of the whole area and I was even more amazed by the effort the people running the operation took to make sure that everything was safe and smooth. I was fortunate enough to be there to see a new liner being put in, how it is sealed and tested for leaks before putting a foot of protection over the top and then another covering to force run-off into a sewer system.

I found out what leachate was and how they go about pumping it and the backup system ^{PAGE} of problems down the line, all for safety. I witnessed the portable litter fencing being moved into position to prevent wind blown garbage from spreading. I saw a well that was tested and found to have water that was 4000 years old.

The city of Rochelle paid for private engineers to test the site and found everything in A-One shape and made their report accordingly. The city fathers of Creston have given their okay for the expansion.

The whole landfill site has clay 60 to 200 feet deep before reaching bedrock which sits on top of the sandstone our water comes from. I think you and your board know what the possibility of water being contaminated under these conditions is and I see no reason why you should not recommend the okay for the expansion.

Instead of fighting it, the people of this community should be thankful we have an efficiently run landfill by people who really care about the safety of the whole operation.

I sincerely hope your board recommends an okay for expansion.

Thank You

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