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Clerk of Pollution Control Board
Dorothy M. Gunn
IPCB - Ref. PCB 03-218
James R. Thompson Center, Suite 11-500
100 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

PC#19

Dear Ms. Gunn:

Re: Case # 03-218
Case Name: Rochelle Waste Disposal, LLC, vs. City Council of Rochelle, IL

The Dement Township Board (Supervisor, Clerk, Trustees and Road Commissioner) was elected by the citizens of the township to be their voice and to represent the voters in a manner that is in the best interest of the township, not only for today, but also for the future.

We are each entrusted with a very small portion of this earth for a short time (our adult life). It is our responsibility to leave this portion in as good (or better) condition than it was. There will be generations to follow who will have the same responsibility.

With regards to the landfill expansion application, the Township Board feels that four of the nine criteria were not met. They include. #1: Need, #2: Health, Safety, and Welfare, #3: Compatibility with Surrounding Area and #6: Traffic. We are especially concerned with preserving the quality of the water in the aquifer located directly under the landfill.

That being said, we the Dement Township Board, as a whole, would like to be on record stating that we support the Rochelle City Council's decision, as siting authority, to deny approval for Rochelle Waste Disposal LLC's application to expand the landfill. We feel this decision was made totally on evidence submitted and that the siting authority gave strong consideration to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens it represents. To reverse its decision would not be in the township's best interest and could be very detrimental to the township's future generations. We feel this is due to the close proximity to the Village of Creston, to the center of the township and for the preservation of the water quality in the aquifer.

Therefore, we recommend that the IPCB, as a whole, let the decision of the Rochelle City Council stand.

Sincerely,



Willard Davey,
Dement Township Supervisor

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