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**Rochelle Waste Disposal, L.L.C., vs. City
Council of the City of Rochelle, IL. #PCB
03-188 and PCB 03-218**

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Dear Ms. Gunn,

We are writing to you about the landfill expansion hearings in Rochelle to be held on Dec. 10 and 11, 2003. We have been very interested with these hearings over the last two years. We do not believe that this landfill expansion is in the best interests of our community and further, we believe that the City Council of Rochelle made an appropriate decision for the "right" reasons. They made their decision based on the evidence being presented and participated fairly in the proceedings.

We observed their presence in the hearings. We became aware of their individual study of the topics. We believe that they made the right decision for the appropriate reasons.

1. The landfill expansion is too close to Creston and sits over their water supply.
2. The current operator cannot answer questions about recent environmental laws or laws applying to landfill operations. He cannot answer simple questions about his operations. He speaks negatively about recycling programs and only does the very least to implement recycling in this community. When he is made aware of problems such as flying bags or odor, he makes excuses instead of working to eliminate the problems or working with the community to understand their concerns. His performance is marginal and we have huge concerns about whether he would adequately run a bigger operation.
3. The traffic issues will increase. Rochelle is growing and is increasing truck traffic due to distribution centers and the Intermodal. These projected increases were not taken into consideration when the traffic study was done. The changes that IDOT made in the highway go a long way toward helping with the turn lanes but traffic is INCREASING on Highway 38 which is the main route to Kishwaukee Community College, NIU, and work for over 20% of Rochelle citizens.

Please do not allow this landfill expansion. The owners have not displayed any concern for the Village of Creston and the City of Rochelle. The location is must wrong in terms of its proximity to Creston, water supplies, and main traffic routes for local citizens.

Sincerely,

Dr. Diane McNeilly and Dr. Norman Jenkins, 924 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068


