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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Dorothy Gunn, IPCB Clerk
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PC #18

Dear Ms. Gunn:

I am writing in opposition to Waste Management's Appeal Hearing Case #IPCB 04-186 which seeks to over turn a Kankakee County Board's decision to not allow a 302 acre expansion of their current 80 acre garbage dump.

I attended the many hours of the local hearing on this expansion proposal. Testimony presented during the hearing clearly showed that all the criteria for this proposed expansion were not met and therefore the IPCB should turn down Waste Management's appeal.

At the hearing, testimony showed hundreds of large garbage trucks would be dumping daily at the proposed site and they would present a clear danger to school children that travel Hwy. 45/52 in school buses. School bus traffic in this area is on the rise as this area is primed for residential as well as commercial development as testified by Waste Management's own real estate expert.

At the hearing, it was brought out in testimony that there is adequate space in many other landfills in the Chicago area and therefore this expansion is not needed.

According to the Illinois Geological Survey, the location for this dump proposal is one of the worst possible locations in Kankakee County. It is to be placed in the immediate watershed of the Iroquois and Kankakee River, a short distance upstream from where the metro water supply is taken from the river. The location is directly above a major aquifer that supplies water to the rivers and hundreds of wells in the area. The aquifer is not deep enough and the area contains sand veins that can transport pollution.

The community at large is opposed to this expansion. The Iroquois and Kankakee rivers are two of the cleanest rivers in the state and the Kankakee River provides water to thousands of area citizens. It is imperative that the IPCB turns down Waste Management's appeal.

Sincerely,

Darrel W. Bruck, Jr.

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