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To: Illinois Pollution Control Board  
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Fr: Jane Johnson

Re: Case 2006 - 184  
PCB Welcoming letters from the general public  
in regard to the above Case.

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I have lived near Dahinda, IL for over 56 years and I used to hear much discussion about a toxic waste dumping site at an area called Pottstown near Peoria, IL. Usually the talk turned to how the site was managed and maintained, which was regarded as poorly as well as inadequate.

I was friends with the Richwoods Township Road Commissioner, Max Gale (formerly a SEABEE in the Service) and he spoke so often to anyone who would listen about the very lax, most negligent and most damaging toxic waste dumping that took place at Pottstown.

According to him, toxic waste was trucked in from everywhere, even from 15 states all the time. He would scold the proprietors because they kept little or no records of what was dumped there, exactly where it was dumped, where it came from and the content of the waste.

Major manufacturing companies such as John Deere and others in and around this area used Pottstown as a big old pot to dump toxic waste into and then forget about it. Max, in his disgust used to tell anybody who would listen about the situation which was abominable to him but what did any of the farmers around Dahinda and Appleton, IL care about what was happening to land over the Sankoty Aquifer down along the Illinois River? They were worried about whether or not the Spoon River was going to rise above its banks for the third time that year and wipe out their crops again.

My point here is that the Peoria Disposal Company's landfill site contains ancient burial grounds of away more toxic wastes than first thought; more than anyone involved today in this dispute of expanding the site knows about.

Respectfully submitted,

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