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Illinois Pollution Control Board  
Clerks Office, Case PCB 2006-184  
100 W. Randolph Street  
Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

Subject: Please Say No To Peoria Disposal Company Expansion in Peoria Illinois

Dear IL Pollution Control Board:

I am a Peoria County citizen and a resident of Wardcliffe Subdivision. I am opposed to the proposed expansion of the Peoria Disposal Company's (PDC) toxic waste landfill. I was disheartened to learn that this dump is located above one finger of the Sankoty Aquifer, which, as you know, is our major source of drinking water in the Peoria area. I urge you to deny the application before you to expand the landfill to accept more toxic waste. The Peoria County Board voted last year to deny the expansion.

Common sense should dictate that the safety precautions undertaken by PDC to contain the toxins is merely a short term solution. A breach of the safety liners due to age, neglect, natural disaster, or intangible means not known at this time is inevitable at some point in the future. The cleanup involved with such a breach would be a monetary impossibility and an environmental disaster to the greater Peoria area.

I understand that toxic waste needs to go somewhere, but not here. I don't believe that our neighborhoods should be put at risk to satisfy the hazardous waste disposal needs of private companies from other states. There are no benefits to the citizens of Peoria and Peoria County to provide this service for them. My residence is located approximately 1/4 mile downwind of this facility that has been and will continue (if you grant this permit) to accept the most dangerous and volatile toxic waste from all around the Midwest. That is unacceptable to me.

I urge you to use prudence and common sense and recognize that safety claims cannot be proven, the health risks are too high, and that the economic return is too low. Please place the health of citizens as the most important consideration and deny the expansion request.

Sincerely,

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