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Re PCB 2007-084 North Milam

I urge the Board to find that the proposed North Milam landfill site in Madison is incompatible with the surrounding area, including Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site and Horseshoe Lake State Park.

Large landfills are an unacceptable eyesore in an area that hosts the greatest Indian mounds in the United States. The existing Milam landfill is not just taller than the largest such feature, Monks Mound, it's nearly 3 times as high. Landfills sited in floodplains have many hydrogeologic problems including recurrent flooding, liquefaction potential, and shallow groundwater contamination. It is a disgrace that our metropolitan area continues to make these huge piles of dirt when so few of our individual municipalities have recycling programs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Criss".

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