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In Regards to Case # PCB2010-103

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

We have been residents of the town of Cortland for the past two years and we are writing to express our concern about the pending decision to expand the DeKalb County Landfill.

When we purchased our first home in Cortland in 2008, we did so believing that this area would be a wonderful place to raise our children.

Now we are not so sure. We are concerned that if the landfill expansion does happen, the health of the youngest members of this community will be at the highest risk. We are the parents of two little boys (ages 1 & 3) and are expecting a third child soon. We already are considering alternative school choices for when our children become school-aged because the new elementary school in Cortland has been shown to have measurable levels of hydrogen sulfide.

We are in fear of exposing our kids to this toxin on a daily basis and can only assume that if the landfill is expanded, the amount of toxin exposure will increase. It is known that children are more vulnerable than adults to the effects of hydrogen sulfide and H₂S poisoning most often occurs through inhalation. This means the children that attend Cortland Elementary are breathing in a poison that, with repeated or high concentrations of exposure can cause a myriad of health problems, from headaches and respiratory-related illnesses to seizures and cardiopulmonary arrest.

As loving parents, how could we ever knowingly subject our children to that threat?

Being a young, growing family at the heart of this small community, we ask for your help in stopping this expansion. The future of the children that live here are depending on it.

Sincerely,



Matthew & Brittany Scott