

October 22, 2010

Illinois Pollution Control Board
James Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Case number PCB2010-103

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing regarding Waste Management's proposal to expand the DeKalb County Landfill. I vigorously oppose the DeKalb County Board's vote to approve the expansion.

First, I am very concerned about the health and environmental risks of the current landfill, which would be exacerbated by the potential expansion. Hydrogen Sulfide gas has been detected at the new Cortland Elementary School in the vicinity of the landfill off of Rt. 38. Granted, the current landfill was there first, but unknown levels of toxic gas threaten the health of students, staff, and nearby residents. There is no "safe" level of H₂S, and it can only get worse with the additional trash from 17 other counties, which would be ten times the amount deposited there now. Toxic emissions and possible groundwater contamination jeopardize the well-being of present and future citizens and wildlife in the area. Additional traffic from waste haulers will also contribute to more pollution, as well as extra wear and tear on our roads.

The process for approval of this project was also highly suspect. The County Board granted Waste Management's proposal despite considerable opposition from DeKalb County residents. Indeed, much of the legwork was completed before we were even aware of the situation, including a deal with the village of Cortland. When the public was notified of the proposed expansion, we could not speak with Board members because they were also the jury! As elected representatives, they must listen and be accountable to their constituents, but they were forbidden to hear our complaints or answer our questions. This arrangement is intolerable, and while apparently legal, their vote completely disregards the wishes of the community. Moreover, they appear to be counting on "tipping fees" to pay for a county jail expansion, which the voters also defeated. Basically, this County Board sold out our health and that of future generations for some extra cash.

The DeKalb County Landfill may need to be expanded for the DeKalb County residents in the near future, but we do not want or need the garbage from 17 other counties in Illinois. There are already health and environmental hazards with the existing landfill. More information is needed to fully gauge its impact. Please reverse the Board's decision until other options are explored and more evidence is gathered. Thank-you.

Sincerely,



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To whom it may concern.

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I am writing this letter in response to the proposed 500 acre dump expansion in DeKalb IL.

I am opposed to this dump and all we will be acquiring that comes with this, e.g. increased traffic, excessive smell from the garbage and methane, ground and air pollution, and windblown debris.

I have two children that are enrolled in Cortland elementary school which is built less than half a mile from the dump. Supposedly there is a great air filtration system in this school. What about ground pollution for their drinking water and the town of Cortland's water. What happens when these children go out to recess? Lately almost every morning and in the evening I have smelled methane off of 38 going to and from work. This is farther away from the school. What happens when this dump is expanded 5-6 times the size. This dump will affect the town of Cortland and surrounding areas all the same and all the positives do not out weight the negatives.

I am opposed to this dump in this area.

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