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Pc# 41

Ref: The request of Waste Management and DeKalb County Board to materially enlarge the DeKalb County Landfill.

Dear Sirs,

I was unable to attend the hearing 22 November 2010 at the DeKalb County Health Department and am sending this directly to you.

I do not object, in principle, to enlargement of the landfill at this time. We must have a place for garbage, etc. for the very near future. However, I do request that approval be conditioned upon three prior agreements.

1. The county Board commit to planning, and instituting prior to the filling of the enlarged landfill, a system of complete recycling. A federally supported test of such a system was completed in the 1970's in St. Louis and the information is still available. The test was successful and demonstrated that landfills, or other environmental dumping are not necessary! It should be possible to do the job even more efficiently now. Adding up the farmland now covered, and due to be covered by the enlarged landfill it is obvious that not many life spans will be needed to make our county one large landfill. Thus it does not seem reasonable to plan further expansions beyond the one proposed.

2. The burning of methane, and other gaseous hydrocarbons that are produced in the landfill contaminates our atmosphere with no compensating benefits. Many landfills in the country collect all such gasses and use them to fuel diesel generators to produce electricity. In Illinois the electric utilities are required to purchase such electricity to supply our needs. Obviously there will be carbon dioxide produced but it will then at least reduce the amount produced by conventional coal or natural gas fired electric power plants. I am aware of one smaller landfill that has been producing electricity for many years. Approval of the expansion should require immediate utilization of the gasses produced by the existing and expanded landfill within one year of approval. (It can easily be done with portable units I have observed.)

3. As I understand it Waste Management again proposes to dump about 6 times as much waste into the landfill from outside the county, as it does from within DeKalb County. Thus we are asked to suffer from the malfeasance of other counties, with little real extra compensation, except that it will be received sooner. It appears that about twenty years of the increased use would turn the entire township into

landfill, greater environmental pollution cannot easily be imagined!

At a maximum, I request that the agreement allow no more from outside the county than we produce ourselves.

I believe these requirements are essential for the long term good of our people and our descendants. If you find you must approve the plan of the landfill you will not be doing your duty as the "Illinois Pollution Control Board" unless you require the above three actions to end further landfills in DeKalb County.

Thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jack Bennett".

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November 21, 2010

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are opposed to the Mega-dump in DeKalb County.

We could not attend the November 22, 2010 meeting at the DeKalb County Health Department 2550 to stand up and be counted.

This note is written to inform you that we are opposed to the Mega-dump in DeKalb County.

Thanks very much,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Charles Reichling" and the second is "Sharron Reichling". They are written over a horizontal line.

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