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**Dear DeWitt County Residents,**

My name is George Wissmiller. I normally teach on Thursday evenings and am unable to attend Board meetings. Plus I've been in a one man battle with S.U.R.S (State Universities Retirement System) to get them to be honest with their clients (I prevailed recently) which took up a lot of my time. Due to a cancellation I was able to attend the Board meeting 3/19/2009. It was a rather eye opening experience!

I'm not an environmental engineer or a scientist however it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that since in the entire history of humanity we have never (nor will we ever) built a system capable of lasting forever we can tell with absolute certainty that either we or our kids or our grandkids or.....will probably be poisoned and certainly be forced to clean up the mess if we allow dumping haz. mat. on top of the Mahomet Aquifer. By the time it turns into a mess I'm guessing the Peoria Disposal will be "unable to help" for some complex legal reason.

On two occasions we in DeWitt County have specifically and overwhelmingly expressed our opposition to this debacle. I, like I think most DeWitt residents, assumed our "representatives" on the board were representing our wishes. **WRONG!** Due to overwhelming liability concerns our Board feels unable to oppose this issue. Most are "impartial" however some of our board members still actively and vehemently support this in spite of overwhelming electorate direction to the contrary. The liability issues do not justify support. A supporting Board member even referred to the folks determined to haul toxic waste into our county by the trainload as "good business partners" or some such irrational drivel.

**We are on our own on this issue folks!** If you don't believe me check with your Board members. W.A.T.C.H. is doing what they can but without massive and vocal public support I believe they will fail.

This is still the United States of America. An organization like the Board may feel not free to express their opinions on this issue but we as individuals still the Right to Free Speech.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to stop this. They are having a hearing in DeWitt County soon - the date will be publicized. The general feeling is that they will approve this. We need to **ALL** attend! Every last one of us! Let the E.P.A. know in no uncertain terms what we, the people of DeWitt County, think of this and that the Board is not able to represent us on this issue!

Your board members are listed at <http://www.dewittcountyill.com/countyboard.html>

I can be reached at [george@wissmiller.org](mailto:george@wissmiller.org). Thank you for taking the time to read this.