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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
R-19J

The Honorable Timothy V. Johnson
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of January 15, 2008, written on behalf of your constituents in DeWitt County who are concerned about plans by the Coulter Company and Area Disposal Service, Inc. to obtain a Chemical Waste Landfill designation for the Clinton Landfill. They specifically expressed concern about leachate from polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) seeping into the Mahomet Aquifer. You asked that we give their concerns the merit they deserve and that we provide you with a copy of the draft proposed permit when it is complete.

Clinton Landfill Inc., an associate of Peoria Disposal Company and Area Disposal, filed an application on October 19, 2007, for approval to dispose PCB waste in a specially constructed subcell of a larger cell already permitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to take municipal waste. The application was submitted in accordance with the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

I assure you we are conducting a thorough review of the application, specifically evaluating any potential threat to the Mahomet Aquifer from the potential use of the landfill to dispose of PCBs. If we ultimately determine that the chemical waste landfill cell meets the TSCA requirements, we will provide an opportunity for public review and comment on our determination and draft proposed permit. In addition to providing you a copy of the draft proposed permit, we will make copies of the application available for public review in a local library.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Mary Canavan or Ronna Beckmann, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at 312-886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary A. Gade".

Mary A. Gade
Regional Administrator

bcc: Toxic Section
T. Martig, TS
RA Read File

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TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
15TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

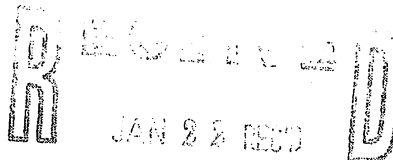
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1315



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Jan. 15, 2008

Margaret Geuerriero
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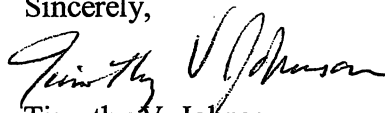
Dear Ms. Geuerriero,

I write on behalf of my constituents in DeWitt County who are concerned about plans by the Coulter Company and Area Disposal Service, Inc. to obtain a Chemical Waste Landfill designation for the Clinton Landfill.

Specifically, concerns have been brought to my attention regarding leachate from PCBs seeping into the Mahomet Aquifer. I do not want to prejudice the process here. I know there is a lengthy and scientific review of this application and a regulatory process that must be adhered to. I merely ask that you give their concerns the merit they deserve. Any potential for toxic leaks into our water supply is a worrisome risk to citizens and to myself. Please understand their concerns.

Also, would you please provide me a copy of the Draft Proposed Permit when it is complete. If my office can be of any assistance in this matter, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Timothy V. Johnson
Member of Congress

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From: LCD

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