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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. George Wissmiller
17185 Parnell Rd.
DeWitt, Illinois 61735

Dear Mr. Wissmiller:

Thank you for your April 28, 2009 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 concerning the application for approval submitted by Clinton Landfill Inc., to dispose of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste at the Clinton Landfill in DeWitt County, Illinois. I appreciate your interest with this proposal. In particular, Region 5 is aware of the concerns of the local residents with the permit application.

As for the current status of this project, on October 19, 2007, we received the application from Clinton Landfill Inc. for approval to dispose of PCB waste in a specially constructed sub-cell of a larger landfill section. The landfill already holds a permit from Illinois EPA to take municipal waste. However, the permit must be modified to allow the landfill to accept PCBs. In March 2008, we received a ground-water impact report for the site.

We conducted a completeness review of the original application and are now concluding the review of the application and supplemental information, specifically evaluating any potential threat to the Mahomet Aquifer from possible disposal of PCBs.

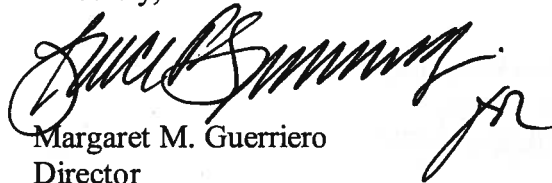
On April 7, 2009, a combined meeting was held with the DeWitt County Board, DeWitt County Land Use Committee, and the Clinton City Council to present our findings to date and review the permit process.

We review any and all applications seeking approval to dispose of PCBs to ensure that the design and operation of the disposal activity will meet all federal regulations for PCBs, and that the activity will not present an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment. We will not approve an activity that does not meet those regulations or requirements.

If we ultimately determine the chemical waste landfill cell meets the regulations for PCBs contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 761, we will provide an opportunity for public review and comment on our determination and draft proposed approval.

If you have any additional questions please contact me, or you may contact Stephen Johnson, of my staff at 312-886-1330. Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret M. Guerriero", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Margaret M. Guerriero

Director

Land and Chemicals Division