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Mr. George Wissmiller
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Dear Mr. Wissmiller:

Thank you for your April 30, 2009 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 concerning the Clinton Landfill Inc. proposal to dispose of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste at the Clinton Landfill in DeWitt County, Illinois. In particular, Region 5 is aware of the concerns of the local residents with the permit application.

EPA diligently reviews all applications seeking approval to dispose of PCBs for any potential risk to human health and the environment in a critical and scientific posture to ensure that the design and operation of the disposal activity will meet all federal regulations. We will not approve an activity that does not meet those regulations or requirements.

We completed our review of the original application and are in the final stages of evaluating potential threats to local water wells and the Mahomet Aquifer from possible disposal of PCBs.

The EPA process allows the opportunity at all stages for public involvement. The process allows for a comment period before, during and after a public meeting. A public meeting is held when a draft permit is completed. We also have established an information repository where site technical records are maintained for public use, currently available at the local Clinton library, 310 N. Quincy St.

At the April 7th meeting sponsored by DeWitt County and the City of Clinton, we responded to a request from the DeWitt County Land Use Committee to speak to the issue of siting. While the presentation was intended to address issues at the county-wide scale rather than the land owner scale, your concerns regarding local conditions have been addressed in great detail. The data is available in the application by means of reports based on core tests, lab tests and water well reports. That information has been available in the Clinton public library since the process began over a year ago.

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,

Margaret M. Guerriero
Director Land and Chemicals Division

