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Dr. Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Regional Administrator Hedman:

I am writing to urge you to deny Peoria Disposal Company's request for authorization to dispose of toxic waste in a new cell at the Clinton Landfill in DeWitt County, Illinois.

In October 2007, the Peoria Disposal Company, in accordance with the Toxic Substances Control Act, requested approval from the USEPA to allow disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the Clinton Landfill. I commend the USEPA for closely examining this matter since that request, including holding a public comment period.

The USEPA's Sole Source Aquifer designation proceedings have brought forward significant scientific data that recognizes the value of the Mahomet Valley Aquifer, which supplies more than 100 million gallons of water daily to 15 Illinois counties, as a precious water resource for the Illinois residents in the area. The Clinton Landfill is located directly above the Mahomet Valley Aquifer.

The proceedings highlighted the significant risk of disposing of PCBs, a carcinogen, in the proposed landfill cell that could contaminate the aquifer and potentially impact 800,000 Illinois residents that depend on the Mahomet Valley Aquifer as a source of safe and readily available drinking water.

Based on these documented risks, I join Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk, the mayors of the communities served by the Mahomet Valley Aquifer, and an extensive and diverse group of Illinois residents, in urging the USEPA to deny Peoria Disposal Company's request for authorization to dispose of PCBs at the Clinton Landfill. Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter of considerable importance to the people of Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor