

**RESOLUTION NO. 6336**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING A PROPOSED CHEMICAL WASTE LANDFILL OVER  
THE MAHOMET AQUIFER IN DEWITT COUNTY ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Mahomet Aquifer is the source of water for most Champaign County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the availability of adequate groundwater for the use of Champaign County residents and businesses including that provided by the Mahomet Aquifer is critical to the continued prosperity and growth of Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, alternative water sources to the Mahomet Aquifer for most Champaign County residents and businesses are not readily available without significant investment and possible adverse environmental considerations; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Landfill, Inc. of Clinton, Illinois, through its parent company Peoria Disposal Company of Peoria, Illinois, as well as its affiliated companies have applied to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a permit to establish a Chemical Waste Landfill as a portion of the site known as the Clinton Landfill 3, located just south of Clinton, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, said site of the proposed Chemical Waste Landfill at the Clinton Landfill 3 is located immediately over a portion of the Mahomet Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, if permitted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the proposed Chemical Waste Landfill at the Clinton Landfill 3 would accept and bury Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) solid waste; and

WHEREAS, such PCB materials are considered toxic chemical waste under the laws of the United States and are suspected to be carcinogenic and are linked to numerous health issues including cancer and non-cancer effects on the endocrine, reproductive and immune systems; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design of the Chemical Waste Landfill at the Clinton Landfill 3 cannot guarantee containment of the toxic materials forever or for a length of time consistent with Champaign County being a viable location for its present and future residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, any contamination of the Mahomet Aquifer by PCBs from the proposed Chemical Waste Landfill at the Clinton Landfill 3 can be expected to have deleterious effects on the quantity of water available from the Mahomet Aquifer for use by most Champaign County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, if the landfill owners become insolvent, they will no longer be financially responsible for the maintenance and oversight of the hazardous landfill, and instead that responsibility will fall upon the federal or state government to fulfill, creating a larger tax burden for many citizens, including the taxpayers of Champaign County.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Champaign County Board, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois opposes the permitting by the United States Environmental Protection Agency of the proposed Chemical Waste Landfill as a portion of the site known as the Clinton Landfill 3 to be located just south of Clinton, Illinois; and
2. The Champaign County Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this Resolution to the USEPA Region 5 Administrator Mary Gade, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago IL 60604, and refer to the application submitted by Clinton Landfill Inc. and directed to Margaret Guerriero, Director of Land and Chemicals Division.

**PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

  
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C. PIUS WEIBEL, CHAIR  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:

  
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MARK SHELDEN, COUNTY  
CLERK and *ex officio* CLERK  
OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD