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EXPANSION SOUGHT FOR PEORIA TOXIC WASTE LANDFILL: PERMIT TO EPA: WASTE TRAINS FROM EAST COAST POSSIBLE

By Tom Edwards

Toxic ash from toxic waste incinerators as far away as the East Coast could be coming to Peoria for burial if a permit request of the Peoria Disposal Co. is granted by the Illinois EPA. PDC is seeking a "modification" of its existing permit to allow it to dispose of such material in addition to the variety of other toxic materials it is already handling at its landfill off Rt. 8 at the west city limit.

It is one of 20 landfills in the nation licensed to receive toxic waste in general, according to owner Royal Coulter. The permit addition for toxic waste incinerator ash would be for the entire 90 acres of the landfill, he said.

A permit change is also being sought to expand the landfill by piling the waste material 10 feet higher in part of the area.

The waste, after processing, is deposited in pits (called "cells") that are currently "about 40 to 50 feet deep" and lined with an "80 mil thick" plastic liner, Coulter explained. (80 mils is a little less than one-tenth of an inch.) Each pit is about "6 or 7 acres" in area and is covered when filled.

PDC's current permit was reported to have been issued in 1987 and expires in 2005.

In an article about PDC in the June Waste Age Magazine, the magazine stated, "Another area PDC hopes will be profitable is rail haul. The company, with easy access to many rail lines, is just starting to offer this form of transport to some East Coast customers. Through arrangements with (3 railroads), PDC could accept more volumes of hazardous and industrial waste from new and distant clients, while saving them money."

A "public meeting" to air the permit requests was held Aug. 4 at the PDC office at 4700 Sterling. Notice of it was about half way down in the fine print legal notice section of the July 3 Journal Star.

Charlene Lemoine, by chance, came across the notice July 31 in a copy of the permit request at the library, and attended the 8:30 am meeting with a friend representing PEACE. Only others there were 5 PDC officials, nobody from the EPA. days

Written comments may be sent for 60 from the July 3 notice to Ill. EPA, c/o Mary McGinness, 2200 Churchill Rd., Springfield, IL. 62794

NOTE: THE JOURNAL STAR DELETED the above quote from Waste Age from a letter from Lemoine to the JS Forum July 27 on train hauling trash into the Midwest.

CONSERVATION MEETING -- Thurs., Aug. 27, 7:15 pm., at home of Tom Edwards, 1421 NE Perry.

MORE ON LETTERS -- Remember the up-close issues: East Peoria-Becker Marina, "Island" project, Havana City Council & mass burn incineration, wetlands, trees...TE

PEORIA'S ARCHEOLOGICAL ROOTS IS AUG. PROGRAM

In celebration of Peoria's Tri-Centennial, archeologist Judith Frank will give a program on Peoria's history from 1675-1846 at the Sierra Club meeting Wed., Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Park Nature Center. Topics will include natural history, native Americans, and early French settlements. Public is invited.

--Chuck Buchna

Detroit Attorney is Feature Speaker

"HEALTH VS. INCINERATION:" HAVANA CITIZEN FORUM TOPIC

How the proposed mass burn incinerator at Havana can be expected to impact human health if built will be the prime topic of a citizen forum Tues., Aug 25, at Central Jr. High on Rt. 136 in Havana at 6:30 p.m.

Detroit, Mich., atty. Tom Stephens, who is battling a mass burn incinerator there on health grounds, is the main speaker and it donating him time. He is also a member of the Toxics Steering Com. of the National Lawyers Guild.

Kevin Greene, director of Chicago's Citizens for a Better Environment, which is opposing incineration in that city, will also speak.

Mason Co.'s Concerned Citizens for a Better Environment is the sponsor, & HoI Sierra a co-sponsor. TE HAVANA'S PROPOSED INCINERATOR is on Nov. ballot due to citizen petitions. It's an advisory referendum.

Some thing to think about

Look in to the forest what do you see trees, bushes, wildflowers, and weeds. Many people take a forest's beauty for granted indeed. The beauty remains inside one seed. Some forests are crying out in need because of some people's love for money and greed.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 18 "Town Meeting" with Sierra Club endorsed Senatorial Candidate Carol Moseley Braun. No Charge. Tuesday, Neumiller Chapel BU 7 pm
19 Group Meeting FPNC 7:30 pm
22 Volunteer Day At Nature Center Saturday. Meet at 9 a.m.
24 EXCOM Monday 7 pm. 1421 NE Perry Open to members
29-30 Campout at Lake Evergreen 676-5479

SEPT 1 Newsletter Deadline 705 E. Republic Peoria 61603
3 Newsletter paste-up 705 E. Republic 7 pm
8 Newsletter Assembly. Peo. Hgts. Pizza Works. Bring staplers & appetite. Tuesday 7 pm
10 P.E.A.C.E 7 pm (see story on front page)
12 IL Chapter EXCOM Meeting
NOV 7 CENTENNIAL DINNER

****FRIENDS OF THE ROCK ISLAND TRAIL****
Saturday Workdays - Sept 12 and Oct 3

Enter Wyoming on Rt. 91. Meet at Trail office in rear of green and white bldg on your left between IDOT & Magnussen Chevy. Chris 691-2246/Paul 695-2228 for info. PAID AD

RECYCLING: Bring aluminum cans to group meeting for our recycling fundraiser. Thanks.

LAKE EVERGREEN FAMILY FLING - Aug 29 & 30

Camp, swim, fish, rent canoe or sailboats, campfire & marshmallows, nature trails, & playgrounds. Comlara Park north of Bloomington For families of 1 or more! Come for the day or bring your tent. Must call Shirley 309-676-5479.



DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL - Leave it on WTVP Ch 47 for exciting August specials.

MARINE LIFE MIRACLES, Monday 8-24, 7 p.m. Tour N.A. Pacific Coast's spectacular natural beauty and see ongoing preservation efforts.

"NOVA's ANIMAL OLYMPIANS", Tuesday 8-25, 7 p.m. Be dazzled by exceptional performers of both natural and humans worlds.

VOLUNTEER DAY AT FOREST PARK NATURE CENTER
Saturday, Aug. 22, 9 a.m. Bring work gloves & get some exercise while working on trails at FPNC. Last time we mulched 2 trees, including an American chestnut. Thanks to the workers that day! Shirley O'Connell

PAULI-GARDNER PRAIRIE WORK DAY, 9 am. Aug. 15 at Jubilee Park. Meet at P-G home in park (446-9792). Long pants, long sleeves, gloves needed. -PAID AD

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Shirley O'Connell - Ch. 676-5479
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Larry Leiken 693-3933
Tom Edwards - Conserv Ch. 676-5248

WRITE! WRITE! WRITE! Buy a roll of stamps and become a letter writer to save clean air, wilderness and ancient trees. You can make the difference by writing and calling elected officials about bills & issues listed below or in Sierra publications.

MONTANA WILDERNESS?? "Keep the pressure going!" is the word from our Montana Sierra friends. The BAD Montana Wilderness bill still needs opposition. S.B. 1696 (no House version of bill as of 7-30) protects little wilderness and sets dangerous precedents. Urge your Senators & Congressman to develop & support legislation which 1) protects over 5-million eligible acres of wilderness, 2) protects vital water flows in the area, & 3) preserves citizens' rights to take the Forest Service to court over its management of Montana's ntl. forests. Shirley O.

Northern Spotted Owl Preservation & Northwest Stabilization Act - S. 1762. This is not an environmentally sound law because 1) only 1/2 of the forests necessary to protect the Northern Spotted Owl would be available, 2) forests surrounding Olympic Ntl. Park, the N. Cascades Ntl. Park, as well as coastal forests from the Columbia River in Oregon to the Golden Gate Bridge would be logged, and 3) it would weaken the Endangered Species Act, Ntl. Forest Management Act & Federal Land Policy & Management Act. It appears Sn. Gorton's bill (or some version of it) will be voted on ASAP and that it may be attached to a critical bill the Senate must pass during this Congress. URGENT!!! Call your senator (202)224-3121 or write to oppose this bill stating we need a strong Endangered Species Act!!! within the next 2-weeks. For update on status of bill call C. Pauli 446-9792 or S. Club D.C. office (202)547-1141. *Adams/Leahy Ancient Forest Bill would call for a study of ancient forest reserves with protection of some E. Wash & Oregon ntl. forests during the study. It would establish ancient forest reserves, watershed protection & create a fund to assist the timber workers & communities in their transition away from old-growth logging. Also, the Cranston Sierra Nevada Amendment would protect S. Nevada forests in a similar plan as the Adams/Leahy Bill. Call 202-221-3121 Capitol Switchboard or write - Hon. _____ United States Senate, Wash D.C. 20510 asking for cosponsorship and/or to vote for S.2895 & Amendment #2710. Thanks! C. Pauli