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## HOI Group Meetings

WED  
JAN 18

**The Katy Trail By Bicycle**  
Forest Park Nature Center, 7 p.m.

Mark Beiser is a certified Sierra Club trip leader and has led three tours down the Katy Trail in Missouri. His presentation will highlight the requirements to be a trip leader, some highlights of past trips including historic sights along the trail and the Missouri River. He will also answer questions from persons interested in signing up for the 2006 Sierra Club Katy bicycle trip. *All are welcome! Refreshments served after the meeting.*

WED  
FEB 15

**Lead Poisoning in Peoria**  
Forest Park Nature Center, 7 p.m.

Curt Fenton, Peoria County Health Department, will discuss the problem of lead poisoning in Peoria and explain County Health Department efforts to promote testing of children and inform the public. *All are welcome! Refreshments served after the meeting.*

## Public Hearing on PDC Hazardous Waste Landfill Expansion and 15 Year Operating Permit Begins February 21<sup>st</sup>

BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

Peoria County has announced that the public hearing of the Peoria Disposal Company's (PDC) landfill expansion proposal will be February 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Peoria County Courthouse, fourth floor. The Courthouse is located at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets,

(See *Hearing*, page 2)

## PDC Toxic Waste Landfill Endangers Our Future

### Current Health Concerns Raised. Peoria County Board Will Vote on Expansion Permit.

BY TOM EDWARDS

If you have seen the series on lead poisoning in the *Peoria Journal Star*, you know about lead paint exposure problems in Peoria homes. It is also a hazard in older neighborhoods everywhere. But there are certainly other sources of lead and there are many other toxic pollutants in our environment.

Not to lighten the gravity of the lead paint problem, but a more pernicious one in Peoria, one that will remain, literally, forever, is the hazardous waste landfill, owned by Peoria Disposal Company (PDC). Located at the west edge of Peoria, it is adjoining a dense population area (over 53,000 people within 3 miles). It is a threat to water supplies. Also, via dust and volatilization, chemical air pollution is a huge hazard.

It is the last such landfill in the midsection of the nation, from the far side of Indiana to the Rocky Mountains. Toxic wastes from 15 states (so far) are being brought here, and there are over one million tons of hazardous waste buried in this landfill. Lead (about 1.5 million pounds annually), cadmium, and mercury are among the 843 categories of highly toxic chemicals (among the most hazardous known short of nuclear waste) that the Illinois EPA permits PDC to put in its landfill. PDC is seeking a state permit to,

at the least, double its size, and allow its operation for a least another 15 years.

Over 4,000 signatures have been collected on petitions opposing this hazardous waste landfill expansion.

According to the federal EPA Toxic Release Inventory, Peoria County has the highest concentration of toxic releases of any Illinois county (including Cook), and is the 16<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation, with the PDC landfill listed as the prime reason.

The landfill sits atop the sand aquifer from which 60% of the Peoria water supply is drawn (water company figure), and it is close to a tributary of the Kickapoo Creek, which joins the Illinois River.

It immediately adjoins a dense population area of the city, and the entire city is directly downwind of it. A number of recent studies in the U.S. and abroad show that where there are toxic waste landfills there are significantly higher rates of birth defects, still births, adult strokes, and other medical problems. This macabre data is being linked to air pollution. But the IEPA, long unaware of this, requires no air pollution testing at PDC's landfill.

It is simply the wrong place for such a landfill, and the extreme risks it carries.

The solution is to begin closure of this landfill immediately. Set up stringent monitoring for problems and establish failsafe financial bonding for correction of any leaks and coverage of any catastrophes that may occur for the next century at least. (Peoria is in an earthquake fault zone). A national program should begin

(See *Landfill*, page 2)



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# Hazardous Waste Disposal at PDC Landfill: Pre-Environmental Regulation to the Present

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BY TOM EDWARDS

Peoria Disposal Company (PDC) has a current Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permit to use defined parts of 74 acres of land it owns on Peoria's west city limit (off Rt. 8 near Pottstown) for a hazardous waste landfill.

Of the 74 acres, seven "cells" totaling 64 acres are permitted to be used for burial of toxic chemicals, many among the most toxic known to man. Of that 64 acres, all but 18.3 acres are already filled and closed, according to EPA.

The individual cells are, in the order of first usage, since 1975:

1. Barrel Trench Area, 1975-1990 - 14 acres (contains thousands of buried waste-filled metal barrels)
2. Section A - 8 acres, some clay liner
3. Section B - 10 acres, clay liner with single plastic liner

[The above 32 acres are considered "closed" and PDC does not include comments or discussion of these acres in most of their public presentations.]

4. Trench C-1 - 7.3 acres, clay liner and double plastic liner
5. Trench C-2 - 6.4 acres, clay liner and triple plastic liner
6. Trench C-3 - 7.3 acres, clay liner and triple plastic liner
7. Trench C-4 - 11 acres, clay liner and triple plastic liner

Cells 1 through 5 are full with "final cover" in place. Cell 6 (C-3) is also essentially full. Only trench #7 (C-4) has space left. The original permit extension request [from presentation to the Peoria County Board, November, 2003] was for an additional 30

years and 6 million more cubic yards, or triple its present volume. (That addition would fill 158 of one of the 30-story Peoria Twin Tower buildings.)

In the face of opposition, PDC has reduced that request to ask for an extension of another 15 years and 2.3 million more cubic yards. It would also open a new cell of 8.2 acres, and increase the heights of existing cells Nos. 4 to 7 above by 45 feet. Already the highest landform, it then would tower above the surrounding area. (Incidentally, just the height increase alone would be 2.35 million cubic yards.)

Of the 64-acre landfill area, just sections 1 to 3 so far have pipes to help vent gases that form and dissipate out of the soil. But there is no air pollution monitoring.

Water leachate is reportedly pumped to an on-site facility for pretreatment, then piped to the Greater Peoria Sanitary District treatment plant on the Illinois River.

PDC statements have its landfill as 32 acres. That is actually only half its acreage. This 32 acres has just 18 acres still open (C3-4), and 13.7 acres (C 1-2) that would be re-opened if expansion is granted. The other 32-acres of full cells would remain as is.

Strange accounting: EPA records show PDC on Jan. 1, 2002 had a "remaining capacity" of 710,000 cubic yards, and it deposited 139,075 cubic yards that year. Yet for 2003 they said the landfill's capacity had increased to 724,000 cubic yards.

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## *(Hearing, from page 1)*

downtown Peoria. Heart of Illinois Sierra Club has requested that County Board Chair Dave Williams move the meeting location to a more convenient location for the public and that evening hours for the hearing be posted for public information ahead of the hearing. Our request for evening and weekend hearing hours resulted in the County's moving the hearing start time from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the comment that hearing hours would continue into the evening. County Administrator Pat Urich has also commented that other locations are being considered for the hearing, and that several days for the hearing are expected.

PDC has at least 17 professional witnesses who will be giving testi-

mony on behalf of the company and their expansion request.

The PDC permit application states that an additional 45 feet will be added to the landfill height at existing landfill cells Nos. 4 to 7. This will be layers of hazardous waste topped with liners and an earth covering. 8.2 acres of additional land at the site will be used for hazardous waste burial. When asked why PDC only refers to 32 acres as the size of the site, PDC public relations director Chris Coulter explained that they take a conservative approach and are refereeing to current operations. There is another 32 acres at the site with hazardous waste from older operations, making a total of 64 acres containing hazardous waste at the site.

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## *(Landfill, from page 1)*

here to develop and require means to permanently detoxify hazardous waste and/or recycle it to beneficial uses instead of burying it in the ground where it remains hazardous and a menace. (We make it: we can unmake it. Putting it in holes in the ground is primitive and hangs a pall over our environment and the well-being of current and future generations.)

We need to establish a model example for the world, or our planet is going to be dotted with cesspools of poisonous, toxic waste everywhere as nations try to catch up with the U.S. industrially by the cheapest, fastest routes and we cut corners to stay ahead. Keeping earth a healthy

# Hydro-Geologist Comments and Concerns with the PDC Landfill Expansion Application Process

BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

Chuck Norris, Geo-Hydro, Inc., Denver, Colorado, is reviewing the Peoria Disposal Company (PDC) Hazardous Waste Landfill expansion permit for Heart of Illinois Sierra Club and the group Citizens for Our Environment, which has individuals from homeowner organizations, River Rescue, and other concerned individuals. Mr. Norris previously lived in Illinois and has done work on issues in East Peoria and other Illinois locations.

Chuck Norris says the public needs to know that the PDC permit application is a joint effort of PDC and Peoria County, as represented by Patrick Engineering, which is the company that reviewed the PDC application for the County. The PDC application has gone through a pre-filing review with Patrick Engineering, and the engineering group could raise concerns and questions on behalf of Peoria County only up to the time PDC filed its permit. Because of legal procedures, once PDC filed their permit application, Patrick Engineering can have no further direct contact with them.

In addition to the fact that the engineering firm acting on behalf of Peoria County government has already reviewed and in essence "signed off" on the PDC expansion permit application, PDC pays the fees for this review. The *Peoria Journal Star* recently reported that Patrick Engineering has billed Peoria County \$91,000. in fees regarding the PDC permit application. PDC will in turn pay Peoria County for this expense. Chuck Norris says that there is "no muscle" that Peoria County professional, paid consultants with Patrick Engineering will bring to bear at the public hearing to raise concerns, and that the people of Peoria must take this very seriously. If questions are going to be asked and matters of concern brought forward to get into the hearing record, the citizens must raise these issues.

Chuck Norris says that glacial till, which is underneath the PDC landfill, can have fractures. A test well might show no contamination, but if the well was moved just five or six feet, it might be in a different fracture and could test differently. He

says that water can flow through glacial till quickly and the challenge is to discover contamination before it flows through. Patrick Engineering will not raise questions on behalf of Peoria County on concerns such as this at the hearing.

## Funds Needed for PDC Effort

You can help local volunteers in efforts to inform the public and raise questions regarding the Peoria Disposal Company Hazardous Waste Landfill expansion permit request by donating to the effort. Funds are needed for hydrologist fees, yard signs, bumper stickers, and other costs. Please make your check out to "Heart of Illinois Sierra Club" and mail your check to Diane Storey, Treasurer, Citizens for Our Environment, 136 N. Montclair Ave., Peoria Heights, IL 61616. For more information, phone Tom Edwards at 637-1979.

## Banner Wetlands Saved from Strip Mine

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn Gives Home-Town Hero Awards  
Donations to Legal Fees Still Needed

BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

Thanks to everyone who wrote, phoned, signed the petition, made a donation, or in other ways helped in the effort to stop the proposed strip-mine at the edge of the village of Banner. The Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals denied the mining permit request from Capital Resources Development Company, due to on-going litigation over a local road crossing the coal-mine area. Lt. Governor Pat Quinn came to Banner December 21st to thank individuals for their efforts. Banner Mayor Ken Fuller, Citizens for the Preservation of Banner Township leader John Grigsby, and Heart of Illinois Sierra representative Joyce Blumenshine spoke at the event. The Lt. Governor gave major support and assistance to the effort to protect the wetlands, and had a petition on his website. Several Heart of Illinois Sierra members have made generous contributions to the effort to save Banner. Additional donations are needed, as legal fees are now over \$20,000. Your donation is tax deductible. Checks can be made out to "Save Rice Lake - Citizens for the Protection of Banner" and sent to Mike Grigsby, 21574 North U.S. Rt. 24, Canton, IL, 61520.

## Chance to Coordinate with Hunting and Fishing Groups

Clean Water Summit February 3-4, 2006

BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

The Kentucky Sierra Club is inviting all interested individuals to attend their conference titled "Clean Water Summit for Hunters and Anglers" which will be held in Louisville, KY, February 3-4. The future of hunting and fishing is dependent upon protection and appropriate management of wildlife habitat. Topics will include non-point water pollution and mercury contamination of fish. More information and a conference schedule is available on the Sierra web listing at <http://sierraclub.org/huntingfishing/summit/>.

## URGENT: Tell the Peoria County Board Your Views on the PDC Hazardous Waste Landfill Expansion

Peoria County Board Will Vote on Landfill Expansion Application  
Calls and Letters Needed

BY JOYCE BLUMENSHINE

The Peoria County Board will be voting on the Peoria Disposal Company Hazardous Waste Landfill expansion permit application. The County Board is responsible for approving or denying the expansion through a mandated siting process. The Illinois Environmental Protection Act describes the procedures that are to be followed, and a public hearing is to be held. The County Board has full authority to say "No" to the expansion and 15 years more of burying toxic hazardous wastes at this site. Please let your views be known. This issue is of huge importance to our future. Bill Rutherford, founder of Wild-life Prairie Park and well know area environmentalist, has commented that the PDC Hazardous Waste Landfill expansion is the most important environmental issue to face Peoria in his lifetime. It is time to permanently seal this hazardous waste landfill and establish binding owner financial responsibility for its long-term monitoring and all future remedial work. Otherwise, it will end up, as so many other waste dumps have, on the backs of taxpayers.

A listing of Peoria County Board members with a district map is on the county website at <http://www.co.peoria.il.us/> or use the list below. Your voter's registration card has your county district number on it. Please contact as many board members as you can.

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## Liberty...for all?



Giant Sequoias are the most massive trees on the planet—some stand as tall as the Statue of Liberty and date back over 3,000 years, making them among the largest and oldest organisms on Earth. Today, plans to open the Giant Sequoia National Monument to the chainsaws of the logging industry threaten its conservation. We need your help now—only an active citizenry can stop this destructive action that will forever damage treasures such as the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

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## Religion and the Environment, A Closer Relationship?

BY RALPH GINN

The quantity and quality of religion's involvement in the environmental movement is an intriguing question. In the late summer I sent an invitation to some clergymen, clergywomen, and lay persons associated with churches in our HOI region to opinion the role of religion in environmental issues. The response was less than I had hoped for, but I did get some excellent comments from five people. Below are their replies which were edited for space concerns.

The question I posed was: Many environmentalists perceive the religious community's environmental ethic as being generally, with exceptions, one of apathy. Do you believe this view is right or wrong?

### RESPONSES:

Pastor Robert Lawry, University Methodist Church, Peoria: Your premise intrigued me. As the kids say, the whole concept is a "no brainer". Of course we ought to be concerned about the environment. Theologically it is one of the basic planks upon which we build our understanding of God and the world in which we live. It is not our world to abuse and neglect, it is God's world. It is entrusted to us but does not ultimately belong to us. As to why I, and we in the Christian community are not more concerned about the environment, I'm not sure, but I will make one observation. I remember during the eight years I lived in Quincy, IL, we as both a church and a community had a much greater sense of concern for the environment, a part of that was because Quincy had a marvelous program of curbside recycling. There was something about sorting all of your papers, cardboard, cans, and bottles that created a mindset which had a greater sensitivity to issues affecting the environment. Earth Day was a big observance in our community.

Pastor Craig Hislope, Faith Missionary Church, Peoria: I have to admit that I haven't focused much in my ministry on environmental issues. Nevertheless, I feel it is the duty of us all, spiritual leader or

not, to protect and preserve the environment and see to maintenance of the cleanest air, water, etc. that we can. Believing, as I do, that the Lord God created man and placed him on the earth to manage and superintend it, we are accountable to God for fulfilling this responsibility. Perhaps evangelicals, such as myself, have trusted those of a more liberal persuasion to advocate on these matters, while we've honed in more on social issues like preservation of the family and the protection of the unborn. That doesn't release us, however, from our need to be environmentally conscientious.

Marilee Tilly, retired high school English teacher and lay activist at First English Lutheran Church, Peoria: I see articles in our national church and women's magazines that support the idea that God made us responsible for caring for the environment, not destroying it. The idea of interconnectedness is a prevalent theological concept, but there is little practical application. Speaking for my local congregation only, I hear references to the ideas presented by the larger church. However, very little is done by the local church to promote actual environmental activities. My feeling is that my church, like most churches, is busy with "people" issues, social justice if you will. I'd guess that most church members think that people and their needs are more important, even though they know, on some level, that saving the environment is necessary to save its inhabitants. I think that many church members feel an individual commitment to environmental issues but don't know how to follow through.

Dave Koehler, Pastor Emeritus of New Church, UCC, Peoria and Pastor of Stark Congregational Church, UCC: The mixture of religion and the environment, at first glance, may sound a lot like trying to put together oil and water, but in fact it is not. The word "stewardship" brings together these concepts to give us a rich and meaningful responsibility that we have toward our planet. I believe God calls each one of us to be good stewards of

planet earth, as in keepers, or caretakers, or managers. Unfortunately, we often think that what we do as individuals has such a small impact on planet earth that we sometimes wonder, what does it matter? It all matters. But what really matters is government policy, especially United States' policy, which has the most profound effect on global health of any nation, because the USA consumes most of the world's products, and we pollute the most. We must recognize that government policy is reactive to what society dictates. Our abundant lifestyle drives much of what government regulates. As a hiker I understand the importance of leaving no trace when I enter a forest or natural area. This is a part of stewardship. Our legacy should be to leave this world a better place than we found it. So far we haven't fared too well.

Gene Mace, Associate Pastor, University Methodist Church, Peoria: In my thinking, environmental issues relate to the concept of stewardship. We tend to think of owning parts of the earth and, with that ownership, the right to use it to our own pleasure and needs. The idea of stewardship calls to our attention that we only use this "property" for a while and then others use it. We are only temporary users. Our use of the environment carries with it a responsibility to leave it in a condition that, when possible, is better that we received it. It seems to me that in our selfishness we tend to take the approach that we are more important than the environment. It is seen as a tool for our pleasure and betterment. I could deal with specific issues, but they all come under the umbrella of stewardship of the gift that God shared with us for a short time. In the Christian setting, we have a duty to community not just ourselves.

I thank our five contributors for their compelling thoughts and words. Ideally, a day will come when environmental stewards and religious stewards will share a common quest.

# HOI Group Calendar

*January*

**11 WED Executive Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
Joseph Laszlo's home, 330 S. Barnewolt Dr., Peoria. Call 637-4692 for directions.

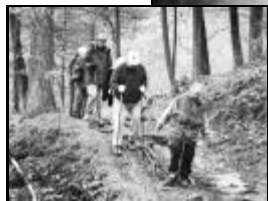
**18 Group Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
WED Forest Park Nature Center. *Mark Beiser, The Katy Trail By Bicycle.* Everyone is welcome!

## Sunday, January 22

## ***Starved Rock Winter Hike***

The Heart of Illinois Sierra Club will sponsor their 28th annual winter hike at Starved Rock State Park on Sunday, January 22nd. Everyone is invited to participate in this annual outing. Meet at the Forest Park Nature Center in Peoria Heights at 9 a.m. for the trip to Starved Rock, or meet in the Great Hall of the Starved Rock Lodge at 10:30 a.m.

The approximate 4-hour slow paced outing will explore some of the picturesque areas of the park that should also include bald eagle sightings and other photo opportunities. Dress for the weather, including waterproof footwear and pack a lunch to eat on the trail. On the return trip to Peoria, an optional dinner stop is planned at



## From Past Hikes

Photos: Al Harkrader



## February

**8 Executive Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
WED John Wosik's home, 12409 N. Blackhawk Ct., Dunlap. Call 243-2230 for directions.

**15** **Group Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
**WED** Forest Park Nature Center. *Curt Fenton,*  
*Lead Poisoning in Peoria.* Everyone is  
 welcome!

**18 Newsletter Deadline**  
SAT Send articles for March/April to: John  
Wosik, 12409 N. Blackhawk Ct.,  
Dunlap, IL 61525, or  
johnwosik@insightbb.com.

**19**  
SUN **Cross-Country Skiing at  
Jubilee College State Park,  
1 p.m.**

Meet at Bowood Glen in the central day use area of the park. We'll ski & observe the wildlife on one of the many excellent trails in the park. Beginners are welcome. If there's no snow, we'll have a hike. Leader - Chuck Buchna, 693-8587.

**27 MON Newsletter Mailing, 6:30 p.m.**  
Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 N. Prospect  
Rd., Peoria Heights.

**Other Events:** (Not sponsored by the Sierra Club but provided as a public service.)

**Jan 11 (Wed), 7 p.m.  
Forum on PDC Hazardous Waste Landfill  
Expansion Request**

Forum on the Peoria Disposal Company Hazardous Waste Landfill expansion request, 7 p.m. at Pleasant Valley School, Richwoods Blvd., Peoria. The Wardcliff Home Owners Association is sponsoring this meeting as a public service. Tom Edwards and John McLean will speak on behalf of Citizens for Our Environment and River Rescue regarding concerns with the landfill. Chris Coulter and Ron Edwards will speak on behalf of PDC and their permit request. For more information phone 637-1979.

**Jan 30 (Mon), 7 p.m.**

## Just say “NO” to irresponsible sex education

Join the Illinois Campaign for Responsible Sex Education and Planned Parenthood Heart of Illinois for a community forum to discuss what health programs are being taught or **NOT** being taught in our local schools. It's time the legislature did their part to protect Illinois youth by passing Senate Bill 457!

When: January 30th, 7:00PM – 8:30 PM  
Where: Illinois Central College – Arbor Hall in the Auditorium, 5407 N. University, Peoria, IL

For more information about the community forum and to find out why Sierra Club supports the passage of Senate Bill 457, contact Joyce Blumenshine at [joblumen@yahoo.com](mailto:joblumen@yahoo.com).

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