217/524-3399

July 21, 2011

Re: 1138045002 -- McLean County HENSON DISPOSAL INC RECYCLE Permit No. 2011-089-DE/OP Log No. 2011-089 Permit Storage/Treatment File Permit Approval

Dear Public Hearing Petitioner:

This letter is in response to your interest in the permit application submitted by Henson Disposal, Inc. The Illinois EPA was required to make a decision on the Henson Disposal application by July 20, 2011, or a permit would be issued by default. Since the permit application met the requirements of the regulations, the Illinois EPA was obligated to issue the permit. As there are no statutory requirements for a mandatory public hearing, the Illinois EPA was also unable to extend the timeframe for making its decision on the permit application in order to accommodate holding a public hearing. Therefore, the Illinois EPA has taken final action on the Henson Disposal application and a permit was issued on July 19, 2011.

The application submitted demonstrates the facility can be operated in accordance with applicable standards and requirements in 35 IAC Part 807 and the Illinois Environmental Protection Act. Therefore, the Illinois EPA was required to issue a permit. Special conditions were included in the permit to address your concerns. Permit conditions require the operator to prevent surface water run-on and run-off, dust, noise and exhaust fumes from leaving the property, so that adjacent property owners encounter no adverse effects during development, operation and after the site is closed.

The Henson Disposal permit is available at the Illinois EPA web site at: <u>http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/general-notices.html</u>

If you have any questions, please contact Sallie Springer Flynn at 217/524-3293 or at the letterhead address. Thank you for your interest in the environment.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Nightingale, P.E. Manager, Permit Section Bureau of Land

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