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VIA Overnight Mail
Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (MI-9J)
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Regional Information Officer:

This Request for Records is made pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS §140/1 *et seq*. Please provide the undersigned with copies of the following:

1. All requests herein are related to the property known as the Peoples Avenue Landfill and the surrounding area located on or near Quaker Road and Peoples Avenue in Rockford, IL, Winnebago County, including but not limited to the following parcels:

   a) PIN 11-34-477-004 commonly known as 202 Quaker Road

   b) PIN 11-34-477-001 commonly known as Quaker Rd

   c) PIN 11-34-477-002 commonly known as 349 Quaker Road

   d) PIN 11-34-477-003 commonly known as 349 Quaker Road/Harrison Avenue

   e) PIN 11-35-351-001 commonly known as 207 Peoples Avenue

   f) PIN 11-35-351-018 commonly known as 217 Peoples Avenue

   g) PIN 11-35-351-004 commonly known as 4XX Harrison Avenue

   h) PIN 11-35-351-003 commonly known as 3XX Harrison Avenue

   All hereinafter refererred to as the "Property." Further, a map of the Property is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. Any and all documents, communications, photos, slides, correspondence, reports, drawings, notices or other documentation related to any remediation at the Property.

3. Any and all documentation and communications related to the release of methane gas at the Peoples Avenue Landfill and the surrounding area located on or near the Property.

This request is for copies of public records. Pursuant to subsection 2(c) of the FOIA, the term "public records" is meant to include, but is not limited to "all records, reports, forms, writings, letters, memoranda, books, papers, maps, photographs, microfilms, cards, tapes, recordings, electronic data processing records, electronic communications, recorded information and all other documentary materials pertaining to the transaction of public business, regardless of physical form or characteristics, having been prepared by or for, or having been or being used by, received by, in the possession of, or under the control of any public body." 5 ILCS 140/2(c).

If possible, please provide response via e-mail to the undersigned at jhanley@hinshawlaw.com and to lnylen@hinshawlaw.com. If it is not possible to provide electronic copies, paper copies are acceptable, and can be mailed. Pursuant to Section 6 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I understand that you may charge fees reasonably calculated to reimburse your office for the actual cost of reproducing and certifying public records, but I further understand that these fees cannot include any of the cost of searching for the requested records, and cannot exceed the cost of reproduction. 5 ILCS § 140/6. If such costs exceed one hundred dollars ($100), please contact the undersigned at (815) 490-4915 with the cost of the materials, or if you should require any additional information to respond to this request.

Pursuant to Section 3(d) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, please respond to this request within 5 business days after receipt of this request. 5 ILCS § 140/3(d).

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

HINSHAW & CULBERTSON LLP

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EXHIBIT A

Sylvia Ave
Quaker Rd
Harrison Ave
11-34-477-004
11-34-477-002
11-34-477-001
11-34-477-003
11-35-351-017
11-35-351-018
11-35-351-014
11-35-351-013