

June 25, 2007

Mr. William Bates  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5  
77 W. Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Bates,

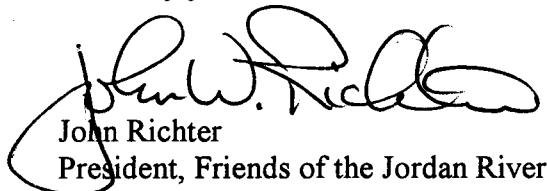
Friends of the Jordan River request a 30-day extension for the public comment period on the proposed disposal well in Antrim County. The overwhelming concern expressed at the Alba public hearing demonstrates the need to take additional time to ensure the proper information has been gathered, studies have been done, and that the people in the surrounding area are given time to fully understand the proposal and have their concerns addressed.

Clean water is critical to our way of life. We need it to drink, to irrigate our crops, and most importantly to Friends of the Jordan River, to keep our pristine waterways pristine today and for future generations. Once we make a mistake that degrades our water resources, it is almost always impossible to restore to its natural state. Such risks to our waters must be taken with the utmost caution. Though such a proposal may have been discussed internally for quite some time, the proposed injection of contaminated water into our ground is new information to many people in the community.

Unlike many of the surrounding shoreline affluent communities, most residents of Alba do not have resources as readily available to organize in a short time period when proposals that threaten our environment arise. We would like to believe Alba was not chosen because of this. As such, an extension to the public comment period would alleviate such a concern and give us time to ensure mistakes that could last generations are not made.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jrichter@friendsofthejordan.org](mailto:jrichter@friendsofthejordan.org) or 231-536-7550.

Sincerely yours,



John Richter  
President, Friends of the Jordan River