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**From:** Elizabeth Todd [todd.t@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2009 11:33 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Please say "NO" to an incinerator!

Dear Lake County Board:

I am writing to let you know I thoroughly oppose the inclusion of an incinerator in SWALCO's proposal. I am sure that whatever benefits that might be considered in this inclusion in NO WAY comes close to the horrible health effects that have been documented to be connected with this technology. The cost of those health hazards we (including you) will be paying for for many years to come if you allow this to pass. I will be watching the vote very closely, and I hope that you choose Lake County's citizens over SWALCO's bottom line.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Todd  
Grayslake, IL

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**From:** carol fraher [carol59@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2009 3:36 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management plan update

Dear County Board Members,

I have been a Lake County resident for 13 1/2 years and live less than 1 mile from the Countryside Landfill. I am totally against using an incinerator to dispose of excess waste here in Lake County. I have researched the health related issues tied to incineration. I truly think you need to reconsider this as a possibility.

Thank you,  
Carol Fraher

11/30/2009

Submitted by Sierra Club Woods & Wetlands Group

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Printed Name/Signature	Address	County	State
1. Jeff Marx / Jeff Marx	389 Center St Ora, Lake IL	LAKE	IL
2. Evan Craig	116 Hamilton Pl Vernon Hills, IL 60061	LAKE	IL
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5. The Sierra Club opposes the		LAKE	IL
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<sup>1</sup> [incineratorfreelakecounty@gmail.com](mailto:incineratorfreelakecounty@gmail.com) Date Due: 11/3/2009

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1. LARA SCINDOFFA	1097 BELLSWORTH DRIVE, GRAYSLAKE	LAKE	IL
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<sup>1</sup> incineratorfreelakecounty@gmail.com Date Due: 11/3/2009

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**From:** amy Shriberg [amyshib@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2009 12:38 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Public Comment

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing because it is my understanding that the Solid Waste Management Plan Update currently under consideration includes plans for the construction and operation of an incinerator in Lake County, IL. As a resident of Grayslake, I'm writing to urge that this portion of the plan be removed. Lake County continues to grow, becoming increasingly a vital and vibrant area of metro Chicago. As such, Lake County has become an increasingly attractive place for young families to settle. The short- and long-term health effects of incinerators are well-known and firmly established by empirical, scientific studies. Given the large numbers of young children who currently reside within Lake County, and hence, near the aforementioned incinerator-site, I'm writing to urge you to eliminate this from the plan so that our children can be better protected from the harmful effects of incinerators---not the least of which are increased rates of childhood and adult cancers.

Sincerely,  
Amy Shriberg, Ph.D.

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**From:** sjpowers11@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2009 1:21 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Cc:** sjpowers11@comcast.net  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid waste Mgmt. Plan Update

To whom it may concern,

SWALCO and the Lake County Board are at the vanguard of a seminal opportunity in determining how we dispose of waste in lieu of dwindling landfill space which could be a paradigm for Illinois communities, our State and perhaps the country. The Forest Preserve component of the Board champions their reputation of conservation and preservation which could suffer publicly without purposeful decisions and initiatives in tandem with SWALCO that continue to personify that reputation. Despite voters support and funding, our open lands, water, wildlife and resources continue to disappear while traffic, pollution, consumption and waste proliferate. Speaking as a County resident candidly, SWALCO's mission and efforts are largely unknown; your identity is that of just another arm of County government. The public, already divided on many issues could be hesitant to support further taxpayer funded initiatives that compromise or advance the loss of ideals bartered away with the possibility of mass burn incinerators.

All forms of conservation begin from the plain and simple fact that the land, air and water do not belong to us; they are things common to all. The work of conservation is in part inspired by a sense of loss of these precious resources. The public wants to see that our elected and appointed stewards along with our compulsory tax support are capable of achieving necessary fundamental changes to insure the integrity and diversity of our ecological health and social justice. Concern for both are inseparable and shouldn't be pitted one against the other as if we could choose between them. Doing so is negligent.

Consider Amish and Iroquois perspectives of common wealth and welfare of all life forms not just those that write checks, pay compulsory taxes and vote. They, unlike many, are cognizant of the value of a shared life in a shared place just like Lake County. Before they take any action on their properties, farmlands or households, they ask what effect their actions might have on the greater community and their descendants who will dwell on the lands generations into the future. If their actions might ill-affect their families, neighbors, compromise the soil, poison wells and aquifers or pollute the air, it's agreed those actions would be wrong, no matter if more convenient or profitable and endeavor to make other choices. They acknowledge their responsibility for preserving the common wealth of all and act accordingly.

Clean air, water and soil can renew themselves only so long as we and stewards entrusted to their care make responsible decisions now and for our future. We can respond to conserve, protect, mend and encourage the healing of some of what we have already damaged. The cost as we know is great and too, recognize sadly that there is no remedy for some of the damage already created. Please look to the future, all of our futures and make better decisions than that of mass burn incinerators. Almost all trash can be recycled including community composting initiatives. While the cost to taxpayers will no doubt be significant above current costs, doing so responsibly with our monies is an investment for a better direction now and the future. When future generations look back at what they've inherited, may they know that you bore them in mind by changing the vision and path of what actions you are considering now and embark upon for Lake County.

Sarah Powers  
1980 Manor Lane  
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

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**From:** Jean paskalides [geopask@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 3:13 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** incinerators

Dear LCB,

I am adamantly opposed to Mass Burn Incinerators to be part of the Lake County solid waste plan. It is costly and toxic. Instead you must educate the public on how to create less waste and initiate programs to make it easy to do so. One way to encourage waste reduction would be to charge per pound and volume of waste per household. This would encourage people to buy less packaging, reduce their waste and compost yard waste and food scraps.

Jean Paskalides

Master Recyclers Program Alumni  
Illinois Cooperative Extension

11/25/2009

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**From:** Thomas Crosh [thomascrosh@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2009 10:48 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Cc:** samo480@aol.com  
**Subject:** Incinerator Lake County

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I strongly oppose the installation of solid waste incinerator(s) in Lake County IL. I believe this to be a totally irresponsible "solution" to solid waste disposal. I have drastically reduced my household solid waste by meticulously recycling and by composting organic waste including leaves. The worm castings are unbelievable and my garbage "waste" has been cut in half. If everyone that could (has a yard) set up a composting site we could drastically reduce waste produced while keeping the environment clean. Let's all be responsible!

Tom Crosh  
294 Lakeview Place  
Barrington IL 60010

Thomas Crosh  
847-222-9004

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**From:** Catherine Shannon [ceshannon@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2009 8:22 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** burning

To Whom it May Concern,

I think that the goal 4.2.4 to incinerate waste in Lake County is a dreadful idea. There are other ways to manage waste that include recycling. Maybe there is a way to advocate for less waste to be produced by encouraging people to buy things with less or no packaging. The idea of burning waste in our county is disturbing.

Catherine Shannon  
26960 N. Pierre Dr.  
Mundelein, IL 60060

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**From:** Natarajan [gvr-4@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 29, 2009 11:32 PM  
**To:** Carey, Pat; County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Dear Lake County Board,

I recently became aware that the 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update was exposed for public comment. I am glad to know that Lake County has a plan it reviews and updates periodically.

My greatest concern with the 2009 report is that Mass Burn Incineration is included as an option to consider for waste disposal. I urge you to delete this option from the plan. Mass Burn Incinerators are harmful to the public health and environment. In addition the process creates a new byproduct called ash, which needs to be disposed of and may be hazardous waste. By including Mass Burn Incinerators in the 2009 report, an opportunity to be a state and national leader for going green is compromised. An economic opportunity to create more jobs is also lost. Lake County's efforts and dollars should focus on reduce, reuse, recycle. By doing this, more jobs will be created, thus contributing to the vitality of Lake County.

I also encourage the Board to include priorities in the 2009 Plan Update. For example, R.16 from Section 4, states "Encourage the development of programs to increase the collection and composting of residential and commercial organic material (such as landscape waste, food scrap, and livestock waste)." This should be a top priority. Our neighbors in Milwaukee, Wisconsin have an organization called Growing Power, Inc. ([www.growingpower.org](http://www.growingpower.org)). They compost more than 100,000 pounds of waste per week. That's over six million pounds of waste not going into landfills annually. This is one organization that has created jobs and enhanced the community. I encourage the Lake County Board to research this organization and make composting a top priority.

Let's improve our land.

A third comment I have is that the Attachments as listed in the 2009 Plan Update Table of Contents are not included on the Lake County website. This should be included for a complete exposure of the document. I would appreciate receiving electronic copies of the six attachments or a link to where the documents are listed on the website.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Maryanne Natarajan  
Grayslake, IL

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**From:** Kimberly Thoede [kim@thoede.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 29, 2009 10:27 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Cc:** kim@thoede.com  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Dear Lake County Board Members,

I am completely opposed to the placement of an Incinerator facility in Lake County. Incinerators have a lot of drawbacks including health and contamination issues, and the volume of trash needed to make them profitable. Incinerators should only be explored after all other avenues like: Recycling, Reusing, Composting and Chemical degradation have been exhausted. While I understand that having them on the list doesn't mean we will get one, it does mean that companies interested in bidding for such a project will think we want one and possibly submits bids. We would be wasting their time. Since November 16<sup>th</sup> I have been helping collect signatures on the petitions opposing an Incinerator being considered in Lake County. There were hardly any Lake County voters who would not sign, maybe 2% of the people I talked with would not sign the petition. This indicated to me that the voters of Lake county are opposed to this in our county. Please reconsider having this on the plan. When I found out about the plan to include incinerators, there was such a short period to collect the signatures, and a major holiday in the middle. With 2 more weeks I feel sure we would have collected tens of thousands of signatures to convince you. There is also the matter of how it will make our county unattractive to business start-ups, those that plan to expand, and to home buyers. With what I've learned about incinerators, I would never want to live within a 50 mile radius of one. I really feel we should exhaust all other avenues, most of which would create jobs and be of more benefit to Lake County and show other counties, and our children how we should be responsibly handling Municipal Waste. Your decision in this matter will seriously affect my confidence in your leadership when it is time for your re-election.

Thank you for your time,

Kimberly and Melvin Thoede  
1023 Harris Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
847-980-7890

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**From:** kulis.home@sbcglobal.net

**Sent:** Sunday, November 29, 2009 7:45 PM

**To:** County Board

**Subject:** five year Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Board,

I recently read that as part of the five year Solid Waste Management Plan, that you will be voting on in December, contains the provision that could allow Mass Burning Incinerators in Lake County to eliminate waste from landfills. While I recognize the problem of running out of landfill space, contaminating our air with incinerator emissions is simply trading one problem for another. One that creates health risks for the entire population of Lake County!

The plan states it will have to comply with regulations established in 1989--20 years ago. I find it hard to believe that technology has not changed in twenty years.

It does not appear to me that sufficient thought has gone into considering the harmful exposure this option would cause to the residents of Lake County. Therefore, I respectfully request that you vote against allowing the inclusion of incinerators in this five year plan.

Margaret and Joe Kulis  
1350 Coneflower Rd.  
Grayslake IL

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**From:** Kristi De Legge [kristi\_delegge@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 29, 2009 2:39 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Mass Burn Waste Incinerator Plan for Grayslake/LC

Dear County Board Members,

I am a Lake County resident and have reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan Recommendations . I live at 1093 Williamsburg Circle, Grayslake, IL, near the Countryside Landfill and I am completely opposed to the use of and installation of any incinerator as a method to dispose of waste anywhere in Lake County. There are numerous studies that document the health risks associated with incineration and especially for those that live within a few miles of the incinerator (as we do). In the spirit of public safety and health, I believe this option should be completely removed from this plan. I am sure that alternative solutions can be identified that meets the challenge of waste disposal that will not endanger the community.

Since my family's health is of the utmost importance to me, I will observe the direction that the Board takes on this issue when electing future county board members.

Sincerely,

Dan & Kristi De Legge

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**From:** Parrott239@aol.com

**Sent:** Friday, November 27, 2009 12:28 PM

**To:** County Board

**Subject:** solid waste incineration

Please reconsider this goal. How does this affect our air quality and public health?

You have done a great job with recycling education and chemical waste collection days. We all want a better environment.

Karilyn Parrott  
5806 Regency Ct.  
Gurnee, IL 60031

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**From:** Chris Grable [cgrable647@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 26, 2009 11:08 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Burn Incinerator

I am strongly opposed to the inclusion of 4.2.4 Mass Burn Incineration with the 2009 SWALCO Plan Update which would cause more pollution and affect our air quality. I support more sensible options for Public Education, Recycling and Household Chemical Waste Management.

Chris Grable  
647 Woodhaven Drive  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
847-566-0470

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**From:** ccgeisel@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 26, 2009 9:54 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Comment on SWALCO Plan  
**Attachments:** Incinerator public comment.doc

Please make sure this is distributed to all of the County Board Members.

Thank you.

Chris Geiselhart

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TO: The Lake County Board

FROM: Paul and Chris Geiselhart

Over the thirty-seven years we've lived in Lake County, we have increasingly been impressed by the quality of the people who serve in the various departments of the County. The Lake County Board is no exception. One merely has to attend board meetings or view them on cable TV to understand the deliberation that takes place before any important decision is made. One also notes the respect with which board members treat each other and members of the public who come to them with concerns.

We will be unable to attend some or all of the County's committee and/or Board meetings regarding deliberation on approval of the 2009 Solid Waste Plan being presented by SWALCO and wish to submit our public comment via email.

Many years ago Lake County was threatened by the prospect of a very large incinerator proposed for the center of the county. The proposal got to the hearing phase, testimony was presented, and thousands of dollars were spent on each side giving reasons that an incinerator should or should not be an important means of disposing of our solid waste. The public rallied in opposition; many of us became experts on that kind of waste disposal and the negatives attached to it. Among them are:

- Pollution of the air by particulate matter and VOCs, both locally and throughout the Midwest. During the Waste Management application hearing, members of CLEAR, a citizens' environmental organization, conducted a balloon launch to show how far air would travel from Grayslake. It brought returns from as far away as Ohio. In addition, a mass burn incinerator could be a non-point source of pollution to bodies of water including Lake Michigan.
- Lack of evidence that incineration was needed. We gave a chance to recycling and other means of reducing waste and at this point still have 9+ years of space left in the landfills we currently have. We've heard it said that at least one of our landfills imports waste from Chicago. So where's the need?
- Economic effects of an incinerator can be far-reaching. Consider that in the past and at the present time it is more difficult to sell residential property located near a landfill and that housing prices tend to be lower there. Imagine the economic effect of an incinerator! In addition, other counties and/or municipalities have regretted their decision to site an incinerator "in case we need it." They have become unable to service their debt and are saddled with increased financial liability. With the fiscally conservative operation of our County, we can't imagine this choice being made.
- Incinerators tend to be sited in areas where people have lower income and can be less able to find out the true effects of an incinerator on their lives. The Cerrell Report of 1984 "recommended the placement of incinerators in low-income communities (Cerrell Associates 1984). Waste management planners anticipated that public officials and residents in such locales would overlook the health problems associated with incinerators because of their need for employment and tax revenue (Szasz 1994:106) (Human Organization, Winter 2002 by Moberg, Mark). Further, poor communities were thought to lack the political resources by which higher-income neighborhoods blocked the local siting of incinerators." Environmental justice is what people are fighting for now.
- We are in the midst of major climate change, and the siting of an incinerator could certainly contribute further to it, directly and indirectly.
- This Plan is for the next five years. It contains a recycling goal of 55% while claiming that we currently recycle 50% of our waste. We believe it's premature to include an incinerator in the current plan while we can still have the ability to improve our recycling rate and still have this

much time ahead of us. We support increased recycling, composting, C&D waste recycling, household chemical waste and electronics collections and especially support the proposal that there be legislation requiring waste haulers to report on a regular basis to the Agency.

Very truly yours,

Paul and Chris Geiselhart

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**From:** Roz Deigan [gac85@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 26, 2009 6:14 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** No incinerators in Lake County

Dear Lake County Board Members,

I have been a resident of Gurnee, I'll for ten years. We so lived in Libertyville for four years before that. As a former life-long resident of the city of Chicago, at first I was bored moving up to Lake County. I was sad that I had to drive everywhere to buy groceries, to the library and to see live theater.

Then I discovered the Lake County Forest Preserves, the Des Plaines River Trail, and even nice and safe bike trails and lanes in Gurnee! Wow! Not to mention the fantastic curb side recycling program. In Chicago we had to seek out places to recycle our waste, "But in Lake County," I boasted to my friends, "they give us big rolling recycle bins that they pick up at our curb!". My family's trash can is NEVER full. We compost our kitchen waste in a compost bin we bought through a SWALCO event held in Waukegan in 2001. I am a conscious shopper, avoiding purchasing items that have trashy packaging or components that cannot be recycled. I buy in bulk whenever possible (to avoid excess packaging). I take the time to find places to take our unwanted clothing and household goods so that they do not end up on the landfill. I joined a Care of Creation green team at my place of worship to help educate other people how to keep overloading our landfill. I've been to the educycle center run by Waste Management, take my items to the SWALCO center in Estes in Gurnee and have not used plastic grocery bags in over four years, reusing my own bags whenever I shop.

So imagine my utter shock and disbelief when reading that SWALCO and the Lake County Board are considering building incinerators.

**DON'T GIVE UP OR GIVE IN ALREADY!**

You've done an excellent job educating the population who are willing to listen and try to reduce needless waste going to our landfills. I challenge you to try harder! Reach everyone else! Maybe start charging more for trash like they do elsewhere in the country, for starters. People may realize that they are truly paying for their wasteful ways (literally and figuratively) if you make them pay for every bag of trash they send to landfill.

Please keep Lake County the beautiful and clean, open space I have come to love...the county you have brought so far already.

NO incinerators, please.

Rosalyn Deigan  
4245 Fieldstone Drive  
Gurnee, IL 60031

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**From:** deanawhitehead@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 26, 2009 5:56 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** incinerator

Dear Board,

I strongly oppose any plan to build an incinerator in Grayslake. For almost a decade my family and I have endured the landfill, understanding that trash has to go somewhere and that it is my trash too, after all. I also was promised that in 10-15 years the landfill would be closed and turned into open space. Grayslake and I have done our civic duties. Let someone else host the incinerator, or create another landfill in someone else's backyard. But not here.

Deana Whitehead  
1544 Portia Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030

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**From:** Katherine Aynilian [kaynilian@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 10:57 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Incinerator

To the Lake County Board,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose the building of an incinerator in Lake County. I believe that the burning of multiple unknown items thrown into an incinerator is like opening pandora's box. If you don't know what chemicals or plastics have gone *into* the incinerator, you also cannot predict the toxicity of the air-borne substances it will produce! If you are taking this garbage and polluting the air we breathe, you have simply taken one problem and created another, even worse problem.

There is no reason that our community cannot better manage waste.

We need more serious efforts at recycling. Downtown businesses in my community are not even bothering with **basic recycling!** Think how much a business (cardboard alone!) creates vs a single family home. If businesses got serious about recycling, we could add years to the life of our current landfills. Let's start at prevention, not attempting to clean up a mess after it is made. More local education and incentives need to be in place. Plastic bags need to be banned in this community. Styrofoam needs to be taxed heavily or banned. SWALCO needs to make disposal of household chemical more publicized and available at any time rather than by appt.

The solution we seek should make our eco footprint lighter...not endanger the environment even more. Please make the right decision, and turn away from an action plan that would take our environment from bad to worse.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Katherine Aynilian  
1211 Loyola Drive  
Libertyville, IL 60048

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**From:** Gmfitz8@aol.com

**Sent:** Friday, November 27, 2009 5:04 PM

**To:** County Board

**Subject:** Incinerator Proposal

You need to stop this incinerator proposal ! I have lived in Lake County all of my life and we need clean air not more polluted air.

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**From:** Bob Friend [bobandkerstin@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 10:59 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** No Mass Burn Incinerators in Lake County, PLEASE !!! ... 11-25-09

TO THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD:

Jerry Frank's letter to you of Nov. 22 (see below) pretty much says it all. I concur with his final statement: "...I respectfully request that you vote against allowing the inclusion of incinerators in this five year plan."

I might add that there is plenty of information on the Internet regarding the ill-effects of incineration, e.g., <http://www.ideaireland.org/incineratorsandhealth.htm> .

You can find other links by doing a search for "incinerators - health hazards."

I am forwarding information about this issue to other concerned citizens of Lake County and elsewhere. I would respectfully request that you, as our elected officials, do all you can to arm yourselves with the facts before jumping into construction of mass burn incinerators.

In closing, here is perhaps the most comprehensive website I have yet found on this subject:

<http://www.masspirg.org/home/reports/report-archives/healthy-communities/healthy-communities/an-industry-blowing-smoke> ;

if you click on it and scroll down to "Reason #8," you will find the following statement: "Mass burn incinerators emit more CO<sub>2</sub> per unit of electricity generated than coal-fired power plants." (!) I don't think a lot of people are aware of such aspects of incineration.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the points I have made herein, and I hope you find a way to do the right thing for the local environment and all its inhabitants.

Respectfully,

*--Bob Friend*

Robert E. Friend  
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Wauconda IL 60084-2555  
E-MAIL: bobandkerstin@sbcglobal.net

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**FROM JERRY FRANK:**

Friends,

I am writing to you as a resident of Lake County. If you decide not to get involved in this, I apologize for

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taking you time. If you do feel it is worth your time, please read on. Attached is an email I just sent to the Lake County Board. They will be voting on a five year Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan contains for the first time the option of establishing Mass Burn Incinerators in Lake County, to reduce the amount of waste going into landfills. The health risks to the general population, (you & me) are monumental.

If you want to read the provisions in the plan, go to <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/swalco/Publications/Default.htm> . Under Solid Waste Management Plan, Update, Section 4, click on 2009 - 2014 planning period. Scroll down to page six, Mass Burn Incinerators.

If you are interested in signing the petition, go to <http://www.incineratorfreelakecounty.com> .

You can send an email, as I did, go to [countyboard@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:countyboard@lakecountyil.gov) . If you decide to do this, you only have until Nov. 30th.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Jerry Frank

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— Forwarded Message —  
From: Jerry Frank <[jerry\\_b\\_frank@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerry_b_frank@sbcglobal.net)>  
To: [countyboard@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:countyboard@lakecountyil.gov)  
Sent: Sun, November 22, 2009 9:40:52 PM  
Subject: 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

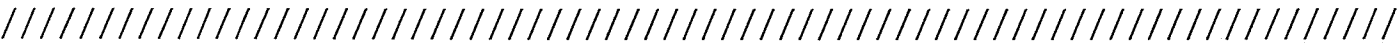
Gentlemen,

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The plan states it will have to comply with regulations established in 1989, (TWENTY YEARS AGO). I find it hard to believe that technology has not changed in twenty years.

It does not appear to me that sufficient thought has gone into considering the harmful exposure this option would cause to the residents of Lake County. Therefore, I respectfully request that you vote against allowing the inclusion of incinerators in this five year plan.

Gerald Frank  
3309 Gallop Ct.  
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**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** Jill H. Selinger [jselinger@chicagobotanic.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 11:24 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** solid waste incineration

hi----I would like to express my concern over the potential plan of incorporating solid waste incineration in Lake County. I **oppose** the inclusion of goal 4.2.4 Mass Burn Incineration in the 2009 SWALCO plan update and ask that the board eliminates this part of the plan.

I do, however, **support** the other goals of public education, recycling and household chemical waste management that is part of the plan update.

thank you for your consideration

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**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** Gregory Grasmick [gregorygrasmick@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 10:17 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 5 yr Solid Waste Plan

Dear Lake County Board Members,

I am writing in hopes that you will consider removing the possible addition of incinerators from the 5 year solid waste plan. If you have the time, please become as informed as possible on the health effects incinerators. Until more is known or proper restrictions can be placed in the plan on their type and use, any inclusion in the waste plan is dangerous to our health and environment.

Thanks,

Greg Grasmick

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** Rob Schueneman [robs2311@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 10:01 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** No Incinerators in Lake County

Recently, it was brought to my attention that on December 8, 2009, the Lake County Board will be voting on a 5-year Lake County Solid Municipal Waste Management Plan. Incinerators have been added to the plan (they weren't in the last 5-year plan). No specific incinerator requirements or guidelines or specifications are listed in this plan regarding the environment, health concerns or quality of life other than that they meet existing state and federal law. They are vague and have no definitions of how and what kind of an incinerator could be put in place. I urge you to remove incinerators from the Plan.

Regards,

Rob S.  
Lindenhurst, IL

November 18, 2009

Suzi Schmidt, County Board Chairman  
Lake County Board  
18 North County St., 10th Floor  
Waukegan, IL 60085

Members of the Lake County Board;

I am a citizen of Lake County and I am totally against the recommendations for Mass Burn Incineration, contained in Section 4.2.4 of the DRAFT 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update for Lake County that is online for review. It does not belong in the plan.

It would generate an ongoing hazard in terms of soot, gasses, chemicals and metals in the atmosphere – affecting all living organisms across our county. Realize that the output would affect you and your families, too. It would also extend well beyond our county boundaries.

Without specific performance specifications or requirements, other than the 3 general guidelines, there is no way of knowing what would result. This is a bad idea for our county.

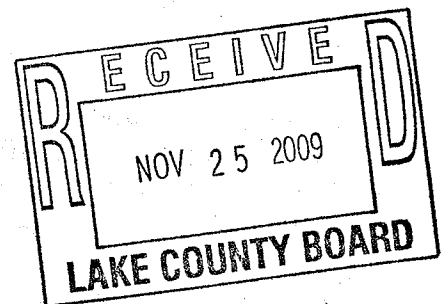
A better plan is to emphasize reducing the garbage that we generate. To that end, focus on the two sections that deal with Public Information and Education and Recycling (4.2.1 and 4.2.2, respectively). Perhaps an ordinance requiring a charge for each plastic bag used, plastic bottles bought and other items that could be recycled, but seem to end up in the landfill far too often. Encourage a market for recycled products (recycled toilet paper seems logical and is hard to find).

In closing, I strongly request the County Board to remove mass incineration from the waste management plan. Move ahead with vigor on the 3 Rs of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Sincerely,

*Carol Shaffer*

Carol Shaffer  
1024 Harris Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030



**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** Mary Spain [mbSpain888@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2009 4:45 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update.

Dear Board:

Please do not build an incinerator in Lake County. Our air quality is already low due to the proximity to the Chicago and Milwaukee metropolitan areas. This fact is obvious if you fly in a small airplane in the summer just to the north and west of Lake County. You can visibly see the line of demarcation between the clean air to the west and north of Lake County and the brown layer of smog that encompasses Lake County from Chicago and Milwaukee along the lakefront. An incinerator will just add to the smog problem that we have but are unwilling to address.

Mary Spain  
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Gurnee, IL 60031  
(847) 691-4819

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** Donna Ramholz [dramholz@att.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2009 2:48 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Mass Burn Incinerators in Lake County

Dear Members of the Lake County Board:

We are opposed to the Mass Burn Incinerators due to the health risks; that are bad for us now and future generations.

Please stop this Mass Burn Incinterators in our Lake County.

Thank You for your time and we hope you will do the right thing by the residents of Lake County now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Ramholz  
Stephen J. Ramholz

11/24/2009

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** wintwing@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2009 6:22 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan

November 23, 2009

Dear Members of the Lake County Board,

As a sixth generation Lake County resident who lives downwind of the Countryside Landfill, I urge you, as you did five years ago, to reconsider the inclusion of a burn incinerator in your proposed Five Year Lake County Solid Municipal Waste Disposal Plan. Five years ago, after reconsidering the wisdom of including an incinerator in the five year plan, you decided to remove it after hearing many opposing voices. Please vote to remove it again for the forthcoming five year plan at your December 8 meeting. You were right five years ago, and you will be right on December 8 for the same reasons if you vote to amend and remove any mention of incinerators for Lake County, either in Grayslake or Zion.

What are these reasons? As then Senator Gore stated 17 years ago, "The principal consequence of incineration is thus the transporting of the community's garbage - in gaseous form, through the air - to neighboring communities, across state lines, and indeed, to the atmosphere of the entire globe where it will linger for many years to come." Since Senator Gore's statement, there is little evidence that new technology has eliminated the many severe health effects associated with incinerators. These effects include increases in cardiac mortality, mortality from lung cancer, toxic metal poisoning implicated in a range of emotional and behavioral problems in children including autism, dyslexia, ADHD and problems in adults including dementia, depression, and Parkinson's disease. (See British Society for Ecological Medicine, December 2005) Maybe five years from now, the proponents of incinerators can make the case that incinerators do not place people downwind at risk, but that time has not yet arrived.

Moreover, embracing incineration as a false panacea will remove the incentives for all of us to adopt a whole range of recycling and alternative life styles to reduce our production of garbage.

Waste Management's Countryside Landfill, which our family lives a mile from, emits foul odors on a regular basis. For over 12 years Waste Management and its predecessor have promised to adopt measures to reduce this odor problem which, unpleasant as it is, at least has not yet been proven to be carcinogenic and injurious to one's health in the manner that the fly ash of incinerators has been. . We have every reason to believe that the same landfill or any other in Lake County, will make representations that its fly ash emissions will not present health risks, but just as Countryside has failed to keep its word in regard to its recurring pestilential odor problems, so too we fear they will fail to keep their word to control their incinerator emissions to avoid health risks. If the past is the best predictor of the future, Waste Management, with its lamentable record of deviousness, should never be trusted to protect the public if allowed to install incinerators.

Please consider all the alternatives to incinerators and vote to remove any mention of them in your new five-year plan. I hope and presume that you are just as smart in 2009 as you were in 2004,

Sincerely, Wallace C. Winter, 1451 Wild Iris Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030 (c-312-451-8051)

11/24/2009

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** Julie Kotzamanis [julie.Kotzamanis@hewitt.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2009 2:21 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Dear County Board,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Lake County. I would hope to persuade you to NOT allow waste incineration to be included in the Lake County Solid Municipal Waste Disposal Plan. There are no easy answers to managing waste. As a society as long as we continue to create mass waste this will be a challenge. But we can not consider the pollution of our air or water. This is not acceptable.

The land has been sacrificed for the waste disposal and we trust in Waste Management to maintain the containment of this waste. This can not be done with incinerators. Pollutants, chemicals, toxins WILL be added to the air we breath.

I live across from the landfill in Grayslake and I can tell you that the smell has been worse in the last 2 years. The response has continued to be one excuse after another. Too much rain, need more gas pipes, gas valve failed, etc. We can not risk the chance of excuses in running an incinerator. We can not allow the garbage we produce to further pollute by allowing for the consideration of incinerating waste and polluting the air we breath.

My vote is for the protection of Lake County and all those who work and reside here. Please do NOT allow for the consideration of waste incinerators!

Thank you.

Julie Kotzamanis  
976 Shooting Star Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030

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**From:** Christine Hides [cvhides@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2009 11:24 AM

**To:** Gravenhorst, Susan L.

**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Managment Plan

Ms. Gravenhorst,

I am writing to ask you to vote against the 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan which would allow incineration as a waste disposal option in Lake County. This county is too densely populated to allow incineration in any form. I am especially concerned about the Countryside Landfill in Grayslake which is owned by Waste Management. I moved into your district last April to get away from the mismanagement of that landfill which received an EPA violation a year ago and was the reason that SWALCO now has hotline for landfill issues.

I do not feel incineration benefits Lake County residents and has a strong risk of harming people through chemical exposure. I moved across the county, leaving the home I planned to stay in for life, to escape this exposure. I do not wish it on anyone.

Sincerely,  
Christine Voreis Hides  
28674 Braelcoh Ct, Lake Bluff

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** bcarey247@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2009 9:22 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Waste Management Plan

We strongly oppose any plan to place a waste incinerator in Lake County due to the vast negative health and environmental issues. Do not let one be approved.

Sincerely,  
Bob and Sue Carey  
30861 N. Pinehurst Ct.  
Libertyville, IL  
THANK YOU

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** Jerry Frank [jerry\_b\_frank@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 22, 2009 9:41 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Gentlemen,

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The plan states it will have to comply with regulations established in 1989, (TWENTY YEARS AGO). I find it hard to believe that technology has not changed in twenty years.

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Gerald Frank  
3309 Gallop Ct.  
Grayslake, IL. 60030

11/23/2009

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** O'Gorden, Doug [ogordend@bnpmedia.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2009 10:21 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** I oppose an incinerator in Lake County, IL

Dear Lake County Board Members,

I am a Lake County resident and have thoroughly reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan Recommendations.

I live at 1450 Turks Cap Road Grayslake, IL, near the Countryside Landfill and I am completely **opposed** to the use of and installation of any incinerator as a method to dispose of waste anywhere in Lake County, IL.

There are numerous studies that document the health risks associated with incineration and especially for those that live within a few miles of the incinerator. In the spirit of public safety and health, I believe this option should be completely **removed** from this plan.

I am sure there are alternative solutions that can be identified to meet the challenge of waste disposal that do not endanger the community.

My family's health is of the utmost importance to me - period!

I will observe the direction that the Board takes on this issue when electing future county board members.

Sincerely,

Doug O'Gorden  
1450 Turks Cap Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
phone: 847-548-0895

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**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** M OGORDEN [megao@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2009 10:13 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** I oppose an incinerator in Lake County, IL

Dear Lake County Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Megan O'Gorden  
1450 Turks Cap Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
phone: 847-548-0895

11/23/2009

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** cherylpooh@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2009 7:37 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Incinerator

Dear County Board Members - I support having our county house a garbage burning incinerator. The elimination of the garbage volume and the conversion of it to electrical energy using an incinerator is a brilliant resolve for the future our garbage production and management.

Granted emissions from the facility should be a concern, but standards for those emissions can be established that protect our people, plants and animals. There certainly is the scrubber technology to meet those set emission standards.

I think it is hard to believe that as advanced as we are as a country, we can't manage our garbage in an efficient and beneficial manor as is done other countries.

I can't think of a more GREEN way to handle our garbage beyond incineration, other than not to create it at all!

Please vote to support an incinerator in Lake County.

Cheryl Pytlarz  
103 Indian Ridge Rd.  
Mettawa, IL 60045

11/23/2009

**Otahal, Mary F.**

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**From:** Mark Borsody [mborsody@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2009 8:05 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** location of incinerators in Lake County

Dear Board Members,

I recently discovered the Solid Municipal Waste Disposal Plan to be voted on in the near future contains a provision for including incinerators. I am quite dismayed by this finding, and I expect that it is obvious this inclusion is unacceptable. I trust each board member will wisely vote against this measure on December 8th. Certainly any who do not can expect to be driven from office, and I should gladly support those efforts if and when the time comes.

Sincerely,

Mark Borsody, M.D., Ph.D.  
1297 Hedgerow Dr.  
Grayslake

11/23/2009

**Wisch, Linda R.**

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**From:** njoiner@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2009 11:42 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** mass burn Incinerator

I am writing to express my concern over the plan to eventually build a mass burn incinerator in Lake County. I oppose inclusion of goal 4.2.4 Mass Burn Incineration with the 2009 Plan Update. I support other goals for public education, recycling and household chemical waste management. I feel that an incinerator could prove detrimental to our Earth and the residents of our county and surrounding counties. I feel that we need to investigate other options.

Sincerely,  
Nancy K.Joiner  
1318 Vineyard Ln.  
Libertyville, IL

11/20/2009



**Wisch, Linda R.**

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**From:** Jim O'Connor [joc3@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2009 10:24 AM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste management Update

Dear Board Members,

I want to urge you to reject any plan for Lake County that would involve incinerators. They discourage recycling and add to poor air quality. They are not the panacea to our waste problems. Burning our waste adds harmful dioxins and mercury to our already polluted air. This is a vote changer for me. Please do the right thing for Lake County and all those who live in it and near it. Air knows no boundary. Reject incineration as a solution.

Sincerely, James N. O'Connor Grayslake, IL.

**Wisch, Linda R.**

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**From:** Jill Swenson Lawless [jlawless3@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2009 4:32 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Dear board members,

Please vote against allowing an incinerator in Lake County. I am very concerned about its effect on our air quality and health.

Thanks for your time & consideration,

Jill Swenson Lawless  
1178 Prairie Trail  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
jlawless3@gmail

**Wisch, Linda R.**

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**From:** Terrence S. Knight [knightcpa@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2009 3:36 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I urge you to reject SWALCO's recommendation to include incinerators as an option for solid waste treatment and disposal in Lake County. I have signed a petition to oppose an incinerator due to the many and very real health and safety issues. I also oppose incinerators due to the harm they cause to our environment and their wastefulness of energy and financial resources.

If the county board does not reject incinerators as an option for solid waste treatment, then the county not only runs the risk of one day having one but the mere option opens the door for protracted and expensive review processes of any incinerators that may be proposed in the future. This would be highly inefficient and a waste of taxpayer dollars. Hence, the time to settle this matter and eliminate the possibility of ever having an incinerator in Lake County is now.

I trust you concur with this logic and I will watch for your decision and vote.

Very truly yours,

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**Wisch, Linda R.**

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**From:** Phil & Laura Troha [phillybeans1@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2009 1:21 PM

**To:** County Board

**Subject:** oppose incinerator

We oppose having an incinerator in Lake County  
Laura & Phil Troha  
2220 Haverton Drive  
Mundelein, IL 60060

11/19/2009

**Wisch, Linda R.**

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**From:** Marie and Mark Biersdorf [5928bier@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2009 12:43 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** Incinerator Comments

My husband and I are voters who are opposed to an incinerator in Lake County for the following reasons: a. Living in a community next to a landfill facility that is operated by the company that would also operate an incinerator, we are well aware of the technological missteps, and malfunctions this company has made that have impacted on our daily lives, b. Concerns about air quality and impact on public health, c. Environmental regulations that are not enforced, d. Would not provide incentive to recycle, e. The investment would not translate into jobs (a major issue with us voters) f. It's unnecessary with current recycling and composting technology available.

Thanks for your time,

Marie and Mark Biersdorf  
Grayslake, IL 60030

**Wisch, Linda R.**

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**From:** dthomey [dthomey@mgpinc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009 9:05 PM  
**To:** County Board  
**Subject:** 2009 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Dear Lake County Board Members,

I am a Lake County Resident and I oppose the use of incinerators as part of the Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan. Incinerators have been shown to produce health problems and can also pose additional hazards to the communities surrounding them. I believe there are other more viable solutions to managing our waste.

Sincerely,  
Donna Thomey  
421 Wedgemere Place  
Libertyville, IL 60048

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