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## Citing concerns, plan for Kendall landfill withdrawn by firm

### Lisbon Development: Firm bows out but intends to submit an application again

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YORKVILLE -- Lisbon Development LLC withdrew plans for a Kendall County landfill Wednesday, the day before a County Board vote that likely would have defeated the proposal.

"The reason for the withdrawal today is so that Lisbon Development can submit a new application in order to address the concerns raised by the Kendall County Board," the company said in a statement. "It is the intention of Lisbon to reapply to the board for approval to site a landfill."

Over the past several days, two lawyers have separately advised board members to reject the planned facility, saying it would not adequately protect residents' drinking water from contamination.

Were board members to vote down the project today, Lisbon Development would have to observe a two-year waiting period before submitting a revised application.

The company, a subsidiary of Detroit-based Soave enterprises and one of several firms hoping to site the county's first landfill, spent six months and an undisclosed amount of money defending its application to put the 284-acre facility at Ashley and Whitewillow roads, in the southeastern part of the county.

Board members are still expected to convene at 4 p.m. today to register their opinions on the project.

In opinions released over the past several days, attorney Michael Blazer, who represents the board, and attorney Patrick Kinnally, who oversaw the hearings, raised concerns about the proximity of the planned landfill to an aquifer that provides some county residents drinking water.

On about a third of the landfill, the liner beneath the garbage would jut into the underlying aquifer or bedrock formation.

The lawyers recommended officials vote down the planned facility, which would have netted the county roughly \$4 million per year, saying it would threaten health and safety and lacked preparations for a spill, fire or other disaster.

This past summer, Houston-based Waste Management withdrew its application for a landfill at the same intersection hours before a board vote, after the same two lawyers and some County Board members made similar criticisms.

The company has said it plans to bring a revised plan before the board with the landfill site relocated to avoid overlap with the aquifer.

Yorkville also rejected an application for a landfill earlier this year, also citing safety concerns.