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Re: Request for Economic Impact Study on: Amendments to Primary Drinking Water Standards: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.490, Board docket R14-9

Dear Director Pollet:

I request that your Department conduct an economic impact study concerning the above rulemaking proposal. On September 19, 2013, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed the proposal to adopt an amendment to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.490 of the Board's rules. Specifically, the proposal would allow the use of a laboratory certified by a state or federal agency to perform analyses of raw water and finished water to demonstrate compliance with Illinois rules adopted and maintained by the Board to comply with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations adopted by USEPA, so long as that certification comports with the Illinois statutory criteria by which IEPA currently certifies laboratories. At present, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.490 requires the use of laboratories certified by IEPA or USEPA.

Section 27(b) of the Act requires, among other things, that the Board do the following:

- (1) [R]equest that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity conduct a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules. The Department may within 30 to 45 days of such request produce a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules. At a minimum, the economic impact study shall address (A) economic, environmental, and public health benefits that may be achieved through compliance with the proposed rules, (B) the effects of the proposed rules on employment levels, commercial productivity, the economic growth of small businesses with 100 or less employees, and the State's overall economy, and (C) the cost per unit of pollution reduced and the variability in cost based on the size of the facility and the percentage of company revenues expected used to implement the proposed rules; and

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- (2) [C]onduct at least one public hearing on the economic impact of those new rules. At least 20 days before the hearing, the Board shall notify the public of the hearing and make the economic impact study, or the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's explanation for not producing an economic impact study, available to the public. Such public hearing may be held simultaneously or as a part of any Board hearing considering such new rules. 415 ILCS 5/27(b) (2012).

If I, or my staff, can provide you with any additional information, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Deanna Glosser
Chairman
Pollution Control Board

cc: John T. Therriault, Clerk

