



**Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity**

JB Pritzker, Governor

November 17, 2021

Ms. Barbara Flynn Currie, Chair
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601-3233

Re: Board Docket R18-23

Dear Ms. Flynn Currie:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 26, 2021 requesting the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity ("DCEO") perform an economic impact study relating to proposed rule changes pursuant to the requirements of Section 27(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.*). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA") proposed amendments to the Rules pertaining to Subtitle C (Water Pollution Rules) – 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301-310, 312 (PCB Docket R18-23).

DCEO conducted a preliminary review of the proposed rule change and an initial economic analysis. The proposed rule changes are administrative in nature, with no meaningful economic impact on businesses or workers based on our initial review. Therefore, I must respectfully decline your request for the Department to perform an economic impact study for the subject rule changes.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sylvia L. Garcia in cursive.

By Michelle L. Masoncup
Michelle L. Masoncup
General Counsel

Sylvia Garcia,
Acting Director
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity