

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND) **R08-9**
EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR THE) **(Rulemaking - Water)**
CHICAGO AREA WATERWAY SYSTEM)
AND THE LOWER DES PLAINES)
RIVER: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO)
35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 301, 302, 303 and)
304)

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO'S PRE-FILED QUESTIONS TO JAMES HUFF

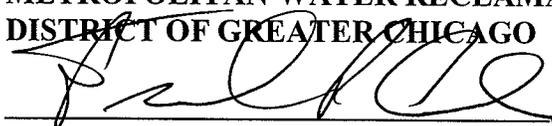
1. On page 5 you discuss the electric aquatic invasive species barrier and state that preventing migration is "certainly necessary in light of the greater goal of protecting the biological integrity of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River Basin." Can you give a brief overview of the potential environmental and economic repercussions of invasive species introduction, which renders migration between these systems undesirable? Use examples if appropriate.
2. On page 6, you state that "the reservoir portion of the TARP program will not be completed for at least an additional eight years." Can you clarify which portion of TARP is scheduled for completion in that time frame?
3. On page 8, you state that "All of these regulatory changes have an economic cost and the benefits are merely assumed to occur."
 - A. In your professional opinion, would it be possible to evaluate the potential benefits of the proposed standards to the public or aquatic life?
 - B. Did IEPA assess the extent or plausibility of benefits that would result from the proposed water quality standards?
4. Can you comment on the extent to which extreme weather conditions affect the Ship Canal in ways that those extreme weather conditions may not affect other bodies of water in the CAWS?

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Respectfully submitted,

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