



**Chemical Industry
Council of
Illinois**

Marie Tipsord
Hearing Officer
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: R 08-09, Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations for the Chicago Area Waterway System and the Lower Des Plaines River Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301, 302, 303, and 304

Dear Ms. Tipsord,

The Chemical Industry Council of Illinois ("CICI") would like to register its voice in support of the motions to the Board's regulations regarding hearings on the issue of Asian carp. CICI is a statewide trade association representing the chemical industry in Illinois. CICI has a 202 member companies employing over 48,575 workers in 726 manufacturing facilities and 877 wholesale and distribution facilities in Illinois.

CICI has attended several meetings and the Illinois Senate Environmental Committee hearing regarding the invasion of Asian carp. CICI feels that the Asian carp issue plays a huge role in R08-09 proposed rulemaking. The Asian carp will adversely effect not only the recreation of these waterways but also the water quality standards. The US Army Corps of Engineer are in discussions to have kill zones and potentially close the locks in the waterway.

CICI finds it ironic that the Environmental Law and Policy Center would not want a hearing on the Asian carp, since their client, Alliance for the Great Lakes, has been the strongest voice in promoting a physical or chemical separation of these waterways and Lake Michigan.

Though these proceedings have been unusually long, the Board would be remiss in not hearing the current issues surrounding the effect of an invasive species on the waterways.

CICI supports the motions by the industry stakeholders in these hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Frede".

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