

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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AND THE LOWER DES PLAINES RIVER:)	
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 35 III.)	Subdocket A
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of June, 2011, I filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board the attached People of the State of Illinois' Comments on Proposed Second Notice Opinion and Order, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS' COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED SECOND NOTICE OPINION AND ORDER**

The People of the State of Illinois (“the People”), by and through Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, submit these comments in support of the Illinois Pollution Control Board’s (“Board’s”) June 2, 2011 proposed second notice opinion and order setting forth recreational use designations for the Chicago Area Waterway System (“CAWS”) and Lower Des Plaines River (“LDPR”). The People strongly support the Board’s decision to move forward with the adoption of rules that protect uses up to the level of primary contact recreation in segments of the CAWS and LDPR. As reflected by the Board’s opinion and order and the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s May 11, 2011 public comment, these rules are both supported by the factual record before the Board and legally required. The Board’s decisive action in its order and opinion will help allow the State of Illinois to meet its responsibilities under the Clean Water Act.

WHEREFORE, the People respectfully request that the Board move forward with the adoption of the rules at hand, as well as with the adoption of the standards that are necessary to protect the designated recreational uses.

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