

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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**PETITIONER, EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION'S,
POST-HEARING BRIEF**

Petitioner, ExxonMobil Oil Corporation (“ExxonMobil”), by and through its attorneys, HEPLERBROOM, LLC, pursuant to the Hearing Report dated February 27, 2020, and the Hearing Officer Order dated March 26, 2020, submits the following Post-Hearing Brief:

Procedural History

ExxonMobil filed its initial variance petition in docket PCB 2016-18 under Section 35(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (“Act”) (415 ILCS 5/35(a)) on July 21, 2015. In

this petition, it sought a five-year variance from the July 1, 2018, deadline for complying with the Chloride Standard. Numerous other petitioners sought variances from the Chloride Standard, and the Illinois Pollution Control Board (“Board”) consolidated these matters (PCB 2016-14 cons.) on December 17, 2015.

On February 24, 2017, P.A. 99-937 was signed into law. This legislation amended the Act to include Section 38.5, which gives the Board the authority to adopt time-limited water quality standards (“TLWQS”). See 415 ILCS 5/38.5(a). ExxonMobil’s variance petition was automatically converted to a petition for a TLWQS by operation of Section 38.5 of the Act (415 ILCS 5/38.5) and Section 104.520(a)(2) of the Board’s rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.520(a)(2)). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“IEPA” or “Agency”) filed its response to ExxonMobil’s TLWQS petition on March 16, 2017.

Section 38.5(f) of the Act requires the Board, within 30 days after receiving the Agency’s response, to enter an order establishing the discharger or class of dischargers that may be covered by the requested TLWQS along with procedural deadlines. 415 ILCS 5/38.5(f). The Board issued this order on April 12, 2017. On June 8, 2017, and in response to IEPA’s motion for clarification of the class of discharger in the watershed, the Board issued an interim opinion adopting IEPA’s proposed clarifying language, and found that the pending petitions did not substantially comply with federal regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 131.14.

On July 24, 2018, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD” or “District”) filed its Joint Submittal in Support of Petition for Chloride Time-Limited Water Quality Standard for the Defined Chicago Area Water System / Des Plaines River (“CAWS / LDPR”) Watershed (“Joint Submittal”). ExxonMobil filed its Individual Submittal

supplementing the Joint Submittal on July 26, 2018, pursuant to Section 104.520(b)(1)(B) of the Board's rules. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.520(b)(1)(B).

The Joint Submittal identified the TLWQS sought as a deviation from the Chloride Standard for the CAWS / LDPR watershed. The Joint Submittal included Best Management Practices ("BMPs") for the watershed, a map and description of that watershed, data describing the anticipated failure to meet existing water quality standards for Chloride in the watershed, and other materials demonstrating why attainment was not feasible, pursuant to Section 104.530(a) and (b)(1) of the Board's rules. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.530(a), 104.530(b)(1). ExxonMobil's Individual Submittal identified the facility discharging into the watershed, contact information and permits for that facility, and other information mandated by Section 104.530 supplementing the Joint Submittal. On December 20, 2018, the Board issued an order assessing the petitions and finding they were in substantial compliance with Section 104.530.

IEPA filed its recommendation in response to the Joint Submittal and individual petitions on April 5, 2019. Various petitioners filed responses to IEPA's recommendations, and the Board issued its questions on July 24, 2019. IEPA, ExxonMobil, the District, and other petitioners filed responses answering the Board's questions on September 23, 2019. On December 17, 2019, the hearing officer in the consolidated dockets issued an amended hearing officer order, setting the matter for a hearing from February 18, 2020 through February 20, 2020. Several petitioners and intervening parties submitted pre-filed testimony with the Board on January 17, 2020, followed by questions addressed to the pre-filed testimony on February 13, 2020.

The single-day public hearing on the petitions occurred on February 18, 2020.

Relief requested

ExxonMobil and the other Petitioners have completed all necessary procedural steps and have submitted sufficient information in these consolidated proceedings to meet their burden to show that the requested TLWQS should be approved by the Board. ExxonMobil respectfully requests the Board to grant the relief requested. ExxonMobil submits the following comments prior to the Board's ruling in this matter and requests that its final decision reflect these comments.

Post-Hearing Comments

1. ExxonMobil incorporates and adopts the Post Hearing Brief filed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.
2. With respect to Table 2, the Receiving Water for ExxonMobil is listed as "DR-KR," which is not listed in the Table Key, and is not listed in Table 1 as an abbreviation for a Receiving Water. In the Revised Potential Draft Order Language in the Board's pre-filed questions (Attachment 1 to the Hearing Officer Order of February 13, 2020), Table 1 was revised to add additional segments of the Lower Des Plaines River (pp. 15-16), but Table 2 (pp. 18-26) and the Table Key for Table 2 (pp. 25-26) were not updated to reflect the changes to Table 1, and the Receiving Water for ExxonMobil was not updated in Table 2. Based on the current Table 2, the Receiving Water for ExxonMobil should be listed as "DPR: KR-WC," listed in the Table Key as Des Plaines River from Kankakee River to Will County Line. If the changes to Table 1 are incorporated into Table 2, however, then the Receiving Water for ExxonMobil in Table 2 would be "DPR: I-55 Bridge-BRLD."

3. With respect to Table 4, item 2, row 2, “evaluation of water softening chemical substitution options” should be revised to read “evaluation of water softening alternatives and chemical usage substitutions.”

4. In the pre-filed testimony of Laura Barghusen on behalf of Openlands, page 8, a map purportedly indicating “known locations of select aquatic life known to be sensitive to chlorides” was filed. The map also purportedly showed chloride monitoring locations (see pages 8 and 13). The Board should be aware that many locations identified on the map filed with Ms. Barghusen’s testimony are not within the scope of the watersheds in question for this TLWQS (e.g., Lake County locations are irrelevant). *Compare* Pre-Filed Testimony of Laura Barghusen, Openlands (January 27, 2020), p. 8, *with* Figure 1 attached to the Hearing Officer Order of February 13, 2020 (at page 35 of Attachment 1) (map of Chloride TLWQS Watersheds) *and* Illinois EPA’s Response to the Variance Petition (filed March 16, 2017), Attachment 1 (map of proposed chloride watershed).

Respectfully submitted,

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