

October 22, 2021

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

Re: Board Docket R22-17

Dear Ms. Flynn Currie:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 9, 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 35 Ill. Adm. Code Sections 203, 204, and 232.

DCEO conducted a preliminary review of the proposed rule change and an initial economic analysis. At this time, the Department is unable to undertake a more robust economic impact study. Therefore, I must respectfully decline your request for DCEO to perform an economic impact study.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Garcia.

Acting Director

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

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