

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 29, 2026

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On January 29, 2026, all parties participated in a telephonic status conference. The interested party, the USEPA, Region 5, did not appear. USEPA did file a letter on January 22, 2026, taken as Public Comment #1, emphasizing that no attorneys from their Office have ever appeared and/or participated in the scheduled telephonic status conferences. See Hearing Officer Orders of September 11, 2026, and October 14, 2026. The two employees that did appear were non-attorneys not directed to appear on behalf of the USEPA. Further, in the letter of January 22, 2026, USEPA states that the “EPA does not plan to attend the January 29, 2029, status conference, or submit comment on the Proceeding”. Letter at 1.

Finally, during the January 29, 2026, status, petitioner stated that it stands ready to answer any questions the Board may have as it decides the petition.

The parties or their legal representatives are directed to participate in a telephonic status conference on March 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. The telephonic status conference must be initiated by the petitioner and provide a call-in number, but each party is nonetheless responsible for its own appearance.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Bradley P. Heller

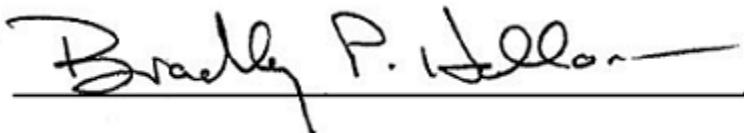
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that true copies of the foregoing order were e-mailed on January 29, 2026 to each of the persons on the attached service list.

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