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Ms. Dorothy Gunn, Clerk  
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MEMBER:  
Northwest Municipal Conference  
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*R00-19(B)*  
*P.C.#8*

RE: R00-19(B)—Request that Arsenic Background Level Standard be Separated from Docket and Voted Upon



Dear Ms. Gunn:

A number of organizations and individuals have written to the Illinois Pollution Control Board requesting that the proposal for an amended arsenic background level standard be severed from the regular rule making in this docket. I have reviewed those letters and the information pertaining to the arsenic background level standard, and I strongly support the Illinois Pollution Control Board taking whatever steps it can to act on this matter as soon as possible, to separate and apart from the other matters in this docket. I understand that the Illinois Pollution Control Board is under severe deadlines mandated by Statute and by the Governor to address other issues of statewide concern. However, I believe that the arsenic background level standard is not contentious, that it is supported by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and numerous experts in the field.

There is a particular reason why the modification to this standard is important in the Village of Palatine. There is a developer who has obtained zoning approval to change a heavy manufacturing / heavy truck traffic generating use into a town home development. The change in zoning has made the numerous neighbors who live in the immediate area very happy. This trucking facility kept them up at all times during the course of the night. This developer has a very short time frame in which to move forward on buying the property from this truck terminal operator. The existing arsenic background level standard makes the development of the property for residential use impractical and uneconomic. Under the proposed new standard, he assures us he will proceed with construction on the town house development. We all are afraid that if there is a delay in amending the arsenic background level standard, that this developer will go away and our residents will be subjected to yet another truck terminal or other inappropriate industrial use.

This obviously means a lot to our residents. Would you please forward this letter on to the Chair and the members of the Pollution Control Board, for the purposes of considering the separation of arsenic background level standard so that our community and this developer can move forward with a residential development and the removal of this inappropriate facility in our midst.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Rita L. Mullins  
Mayor

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