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Ms. Dorothy Gunn Clerk of the Board Illinois Pollution Control Board 100 W. Randolph St. Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: Public Comment re R01-13

Dear Ms. Gunn:

The Illinois Pollution Control Board should adopt strong rules to prevent degradation of Illinois' rivers, lakes and streams. New or increased pollution should not be allowed in any water unless it has been shown that it will not hurt aquatic life.

Also, new or increased pollution should not be allowed in any Illinois water unless it has been shown that it is really necessary. This means that all reasonable alternatives to allowing the new pollution should be considered carefully.

Finally, some Illinois waters should be protected from all new pollution entirely. Citizens and citizen groups should be allowed to petition to have waters designated as Outstanding Resource Waters and protected from pollution. Such petitions should not be tied up in a lot of unnecessary red tape and citizens should not be expected to show the economic impacts of the designation. Developers and other businesses can be counted on to complain if they think an Outstanding Resource Water designation will cost them money.

Sincerely,

DeAnna Belz, Co-Director

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