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

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I am wish to encourage support for effective "antidegradation" standards for our rivers. This policy prohibits the lowering of water quality on streams meeting standards and allows the designation of discharge-free "outstanding water" areas. It is my understanding that Governor Ryan is proposing such policies and that the state's polluters are preparing to challenge this proposal. Again, I encourage the Illinois Pollution Control Board to adopt "antidegradation" policies.

Sincerely,



Russell A. Dietrich-Rybicki