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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

R01-13  
P.C. #13

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 to better the lives of our citizens. This means that all reasonable alternatives to allowing the new pollution should be considered carefully.

Additionally, 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. Let it be their responsibility to show what benefits they bring by impacting any waters in this state.

As a volunteer for Citizens for Conservation and an Associate Board Member of the North Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District, I work with many who gallantly try and work with the weak laws protecting our planet's water. It is a struggle to protect the waters of my community against the unchecked sprawl allowed. Economics is not what we should base our protection on. The big picture needs to be the vision to strengthen our protection laws.

The educational programs I voluntarily run for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders help to create new conscientious stewards. Please strengthen protection of the waters until they grow up to right additional wrongs. It is my hope this generation will look beyond the dollar and recognize the footprints they leave.

Sincerely,

  
Gretchen Grant