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Pollution Control Board

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

R01-13  
P.O. #33

Re: Illinois EPA's Proposed Antidegradation Rules

Dear Ms. Gunn:

As a person concerned about Illinois' streams, I urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to adopt a strong antidegradation policy. Such a policy is essential to protecting the well being of Illinois' waters and to guarantee that our waters are free of pollution.

I encourage the Board to adopt rules that will keep our waters clean and safe for fishing, swimming, and other recreational activities and that will protect the diverse communities of aquatic organisms which depend on our waters.

Specifically I would like to request that the Board the final rules accomplish the following:

- Ensure that new or increased sources of pollution are not allowed to degrade water quality;
- Guarantee that fish, mussels, and other aquatic organisms are not harmed by new or increased levels of pollution to our waters; and
- Protect existing uses of our waters to make sure that they are safe for drinking, swimming, paddling, hunting, fishing, and recreational activities of all types.

Illinois has done much to clean up our waters since 1972. In order to make sure the water quality gains of the past are not lost in the future, we urge you to adopt strong antidegradation rules.

Thank you,

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