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Dear Chairman Johnson:

Illinois Public Act 90-489, which became law on January 1, 1998, provides that the Illinois Pollution Control Board (PCB) shall notify the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (or DCEO) of proposed rules not relating to administrative procedures. Further, the Act provides that the Board shall request that DCEO conduct economic impact studies of the proposed rules or inform the Board of its explanation for not producing such studies as allowed under the Act.

As you are aware, DCEO does not currently have the staff resources to perform economic impact studies on proposed PCB rulemakings. In addition, financial resources were not appropriated in our FY03 budget to either hire staff to perform such analyses or contract with a private vendor for their completion.

Therefore, please accept this letter as DCEO's formal response to current and future, proposed PCB rulemakings and DCEO's obligation under PA 90-489 to perform economic impact studies. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

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