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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
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Dear Ms. Gunn:

Please find enclosed our review of Docket R04-3, SDWA Update, USEPA Regulations (January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003 ), Proposed Rule, Proposal for Public Comment. The sections reviewed in this docket include; 1412(b), 1414(c), 1417(a), and 1445(a) of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 300g-1(a), 300g-(c), 300g-6(a), and 300j-4(a) (1994). The substantive amendments involved in this proceeding change the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic from 0.01 mg/l to 0.010 mg/l.

The docket was reviewed by the USEPA Region 5 Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch Staff and Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel. Our comments, which are suggested changes, are as follows:

1. A large number of the corrective amendments proposed by the IPCB relate to its deletion of section 611.130(a) (relief from the TTHM Rule) as obsolete. I raise this only to confirm that indeed this provision of the Illinois rule is obsolete.
2. Section 611.11(a)(3)(A): the insertion of the language "may not be used" appears redundant, as the sentence previously states " a supplier may no longer employ analytical methods using the ICP-AES technology..."
3. Section 611.742(a)(6): the second "greater than or equal to" should be underlined (to indicate insertion), not crossed out to indicate deletion.
4. Section 611 Appendix F 4: Reference should be to section 611 Appendix G ¶ 1.F.4.
5. Section 611 Appendix G ¶ 1: Reference should be to section 611 Appendix G ¶ I. G.1.

6. Section 611 Appendix G note 11 and note 12: The Federal Regulations reference should be to endnotes 9 and 10 to Appendix A to Subpart Q.
7. Section 611 Appendix G note 14: There is no endnote 14 to the Federal Regulations at Appendix A to Subpart Q.
8. Section 611 Appendix H ¶ 79 and note 17: The endnote in the Federal Regulations is endnote 16.
9. Section 611 Appendix H ¶ 80 and note 19: The endnote in the Federal Regulations is endnote 18.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your proposed drinking water rules.

Sincerely yours,



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