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Ms. Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-5000
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Docket No. R-04-021
Revisions to Radium Water Quality Standards

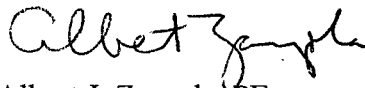
Dear Ms. Gunn:

Most of my professional life has been spent at IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) working with municipalities to best allocate funds to maintain safe and reliable roadway systems for the residents of our State. For the past few years I've been employed at a firm which often finds itself challenged by municipal clients with few dollars – but many needs. As the transportation, water supply, wastewater treatment and collection, and drainage systems of these municipalities age, more dollars are needed than are available from local, and (limited) State funds. While it is my opinion that systems should always be the “best practical,” for the well being of the residents of Illinois, a measurable benefit needs to be shown for any expenditure of public dollars.

Radium is naturally occurring in many of the waters of Illinois at levels which, to my knowledge, have not been shown to be detrimental to public health or the environment. To place radium limits on wastewater discharges where the only measurable effect will be the expenditure of taxes places a burden without benefit upon our residents.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments to the Illinois Pollution Control Board on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Albert J. Zanzola, PE

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