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RE: DCEO Determination on Request for Economic Impact Study of Bacteria (E-Coli) Water Quality Standards for Lake Michigan and Mississippi River, Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302 and 303, Rulemaking Docket R05-10

Dear Chairman Novak:

Thank you very much for your December 9, 2004 letter requesting a determination as to whether the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) intends to conduct an economic impact study of the proposed rule in the above-referenced docket.

DCEO has reviewed the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's proposed amendments to state water quality standards to regulate E. coli bacteria levels in the Great Lakes and Mississippi River (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302 and 303). Based on this review, and in light of continued fiscal constraints, DCEO will not be conducting a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/27(b).

Thank you for soliciting DCEO's input in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack Lavin, Director
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