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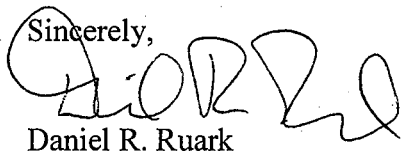
To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that the First Opinion and Order from the Illinois Pollution Control Board concerning proposed amendments to Parts 732 and 734 of the Regulations has been published in the Illinois Register. I am very interested in the proposed new regulations and the impact they may have on the correction of environmental damage caused by underground storage tank leaks and spills.

As an interested person, I respectfully ask that the Illinois Pollution Control Board conduct additional hearings on these proposed amendments. It is my understanding that all hearings to date on this matter have been held in the northern part of Illinois. I respectfully further request that the hearings be held in the southern part of the state so that citizens of Southern Illinois have an opportunity to learn about the impact the proposed amendments may have on the environment, and have the chance to express their opinions on the matter. I respectfully suggest Mt. Vernon as possible site, due to its centralized location and location at the intersection of Interstates 57 and 64.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (618) 315-1104. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Daniel R. Ruark