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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

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Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph St., Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Proposed Amendments to Leaking Underground Storage
Tank Regulations #R04-22/23

PCH20

Dear Clerk:

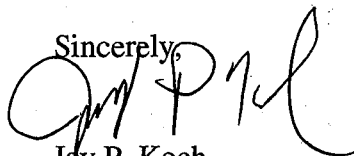
I am a citizen of the State of Illinois and a party interested in the above referenced rulemaking. This past year I participated in, and observed, several of the hearings that were held before the Illinois Pollution Control Board in the above referenced matter.

After reading the Opinion and Order that were provided by the Illinois Pollution Control Board on February 17th of this year, I am confident that: 1.) a number of questions pertaining to the intent of the proposed rules need to be clarified before those individuals and organizations that are likely to be impacted by the proposed regulations can truly assess the impact of this rule; and 2.) additional information, that is highly relevant to this proceeding, needs to be placed on the record before the Illinois Pollution Control Board prior to this rulemaking proceeding to second notice.

Therefore, I respectfully request that additional hearings be held in this matter so that the affected citizenry has an opportunity to fully explore the impact of the proposed rule and so that the IPCB is fully abreast of all relevant facts.

Finally, since all previous hearings in this matter, have been held in the northern and central portions of the state, I also respectfully request that at least one additional hearing pertaining to this matter, be held in the southern third of the state. I feel this is necessary in order to accommodate input in this rulemaking from citizens from all regions of the state. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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