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ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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REVISIONS TO WATER QUALITY) R06-24
STANDARDS FOR TOTAL DISSOLVED) (Site-Specific Rulemaking - Water)
SOLIDS IN THE LOWER DES PLAINES)
RIVER EXXONMOBIL OIL)
CORPORATION: PROPOSED 35 ILL. ADM.)
CODE 303.445)

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES:

JUNE 14, 2006
9:30 A.M.
EMCO BUILDING
57 NORTH OTTOWA STREET
WILL COUNTY MANDATORY ARBITRATION
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60432

PURPOSE OF HEARING: Merit and Economic
ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS: Thomas E. Johnson
HEARING OFFICER: John Knittle

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HEARING OFFICER ORDER

Background

On February 7, 2006, ExxonMobil Oil Corporation (ExxonMobil) filed a proposal for rulemaking pursuant to Section 28 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 28 (2004)), to authorize discharges of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) from its Joliet Refinery during the months of November through April. The discharge point of the Joliet Refinery is located at Interstate 55 and Arsenal Road, in Will County. ExxonMobil also filed a joint motion with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) to expedite consideration.

On March 2, 2006, the Board adopted the proposed amendments for the purpose of first notice under the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 ILCS 100/1-1) without commenting on the merits of the proposal, and granted the motion for expedited consideration.

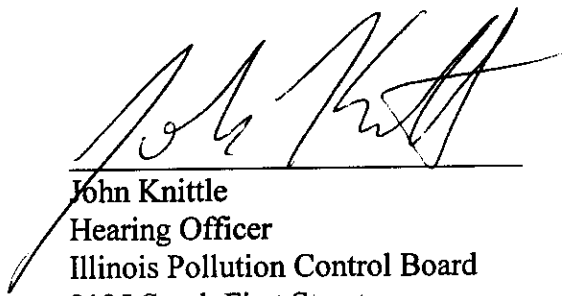
On March 2, 2006, the Board sent a letter to Jack Lavin, Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), requesting an economic impact study on this rule. In the letter, the Board asked the DCEO to respond by April 1, 2006. To date, no response to the request has been received by the Board. The Board's letter requesting an economic impact study has been available to the public at the Board's Chicago office and online since March 2, 2006.

Hearing

Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must prefile their testimony and any related exhibits with the Board and serve the hearing officer and all persons on the service list no later than May 31, 2006. Persons may receive a copy of the service list by contacting the hearing officer or Nancy Miller at (217) 278-3109.

The parties are directed to participate in a final pre-hearing telephone status conference on June 7, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. The petitioner shall initiate the call. At that time, the parties must be prepared to disclose witnesses for the hearing, and address any final pre-hearing issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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