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I request a public hearing on the IEPA water permit to Granite City Steel for their industrial discharge into Horseshoe Lake in 2005.

The engineers found a number of things wrong with the permit, including allowing more than 3000 pounds of zinc to be discharged annually into a lake that is impaired for zinc, allowing double the cyanide allowed, allowing a mixing zone in a lake without flow, etc. etc. The lake has high concentrations of zinc, lead and cadmium in the sediment. It is also impaired for PCBs, pH, suspended solids, excessive algal growth, ammonia (unionized), nutrients, phosphorus, and total ammonia (N).

GCSteel also discharges some of its sewage into the lake and a professor at SIUE says he has found sewage-related problems in the lake.

People fish at the lake and many eat the fish from the lake, including subsistence fishers. It is an incredible birdwatching site. It is used for boating, hunting, picnicking, running, biking, etc.

It is a state park, with yearly attendance above 350,000. This permit deserves a public hearing.

Please schedule a public hearing.

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