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John Theriault, Chief Clerk
Docket #~~R09-08~~ 08-17
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: IEPA AM Coatings
Docket #~~R09-08~~ 08-17

Dear Pollution Control Board:

Please accept this letter in support of the National Paint and Coatings Association request to extend the implementation date of the AIM rulemaking from January 1, 2009 to July 1, 2009. Although I wholeheartedly support the implementation of the AIM rulemaking, I believe postponing the compliance date to July 1, will result in a more cohesive, cooperative and successful participation by the affected business and industry.

It is my understanding, in speaking with one of my constituent businesses and significant employer True Value Manufacturing Company, that delaying the implementation date will permit a more orderly and economically feasible compliance. Required changes to formulas, new labeling, computer upgrades and software revisions can be better accommodated without significant and negative business interruption and mayhem. In addition costly recall expense could be avoided.


On the positive side of postponing the implementation date; affected business could do a better and more comprehensive education of our new rules/regulations to their distributors and retailers.

In today's uncertain economic climate I believe it is good public policy to make every attempt to lessen the compliance cost burdens placed upon our businesses while balancing the need to implement good environmentally sound protections for our consumers

I would respectfully request your evaluation and consideration of approving a six month implementation delay for the AIM rulemaking which would permit the much needed additional time to adopt proposed amendments and orderly industry compliance.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Regards,


Pamela J. Althoff
State Senator, 32nd District