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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board the <u>ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO NORA'S COMMENTS</u>, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

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### THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO NORA'S COMMENTS

NOW COMES the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), by and through one of its attorneys, Stephanie Flowers, and respectfully submits the following in response to the Additional Comments of NORA filed with the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") by the Association of Responsible Recyclers ("NORA") in the above-entitled matter on December 15, 2008.

#### NORA'S GENERAL COMMENTS

- NORA comments that the Illinois EPA provided no substantive response to a letter from Ms. Manning dated April 2, 2008 and that the Illinois EPA has not approached NORA at any time since the October 1, 2008 hearing. In response the Illinois EPA would like to state that NORA has also not contacted the Illinois EPA since the October 1, 2008 hearing, although neither party was required to contact the other. In addition, please see Attachment #1 which is a letter dated April 23, 2008 from Illinois EPA responding to the April 2, 2008 letter from Ms. Manning.
- 2 NORA comments that the Illinois EPA requires manifesting of nonhazardous waste but does not have the manifests sent to the Illinois EPA headquarters and also that use of a hazardous waste manifest for shipments of non-hazardous materials misrepresents the

material to those who come in contact with the shipments. In response the Illinois EPA would like to state that this is a statutorily designed system with the Illinois legislature at Section 22.01 of the Illinois Environmental Act requiring manifests of non-hazardous materials to be identical to manifests required for the shipment of hazardous waste but also stating that generators are not required to submit copies of non-hazardous special waste manifests to the Illinois EPA.

- NORA comments that Illinois regulations should be in congruence with the federal regulations and the regulations of states adjacent to Illinois. However, Illinois is allowed to and has chosen to regulate special waste in a more stringent manner than the federal government. If NORA believes that Illinois should abandon its special waste regulations to correspond with other states then the Illinois EPA believes that argument should be discussed clearly and should not be hidden in the discussion of a manifest exemption for used oil.
- 4 NORA comments that its proposed shipping paper would allow (1) the Illinois EPA required information, (2) the USDOT required information, and (3) any business information used by the transporter. However, in previous comments the Illinois EPA has pointed out that both the Illinois EPA required information and the USDOT required information are satisfied by the use of a manifest. Therefore Illinois EPA would like to note that it is the transporters business information that NORA wishes to be included on a shipping paper and which requires duplicative paperwork. Furthermore, a comparison between NORA's form submitted at the October 1, 2008 hearing and the uniform non-hazardous waste manifest required by the Illinois EPA (see Attachment #2 and #3) shows

very little difference between the two forms. Much of the additional information included on NORA's form may fit on the uniform non-hazardous waste manifest.

NORA comments that its proposal does not affect any substantive requirements and that its proposal would be protective of human health and the environment because generators and transporters would not have to focus on duplicative and expensive paperwork. In response the Illinois EPA would like to point out that the same paperwork would be required for NORA's shipping paper as for the uniform non-hazardous waste manifest since there is very little difference between the two forms. Duplicative paperwork could be reduced by adding the additional business information in the available space on the manifest. In fact, the Illinois EPA believes that NORA's proposal would increase the paperwork required for the used oil industry because of the need of the generator to document compliance with the 50% by volume used oil mixtures, the 5,000 BTU used oil mixtures, and the recoverable quantities used oil mixtures included in NORA's proposal. Therefore, Illinois EPA believes that NORA's true intent is not reduction of paperwork but relaxation of the special waste regulations to allow certain mixtures of used oil and other special waste to be received by used oil facilities that are not permitted to take special waste. This is a substantive request. Furthermore, NORA proposes to allow transporters to use their own tracking system for any waste that has been mixed with used oil, but the Illinois EPA believes that it is the generator, not the transporter, who would have the best knowledge of what waste was added to a used oil and other special waste mixture and that therefore the generator would be the person best suited to initiate a document that tracks the movement of the mixture and notifies the receiving facility of the other materials mixed with the used oil.

NORA comments that its proposal is a compromise that the Illinois EPA has not supported. However, the Illinois EPA has supported a manifest and hauling permit exemption for used oil as defined in Part 739. The Illinois EPA cannot support a manifest exemption for mixtures of used oil and other special waste that should be received only at a properly permitted special waste facility. The Illinois EPA believes the best system is for a shipment that is only used oil, the used oil tracking requirements apply, but if the shipment also contains some other special waste, the generator initiates a manifest to alert the transporter and receiving facility that other special waste has been mixed with the used oil. For this reason, the Illinois EPA recommends that the Board adopt the language of its first notice proposal.

#### NORA'S PROPOSED LANGUAGE

- The Illinois EPA's concern is that NORA has proposed an exemption that goes beyond the original manifest exemption. The following language in NORA's proposal exempts used oil from Parts 808 and 809 and also other special wastes that may be subject to the management requirements under Part 739 solely because they are mixed with used oil:
  - "4) Used oil and the following post use mixtures are subject to regulation as used oil under this Part, and are exempt from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 808 and 809: "

The language in the proposal would exempt used oil and materials subject to regulation under Part 739 from the definition of special waste and the special waste management requirements including the reporting requirements. However please see Section 2(b) at the following website, <a href="http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/materials/usedoil/support.htm">http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/materials/usedoil/support.htm</a>, wherein USEPA found that the reporting requirements for used oil were essential stating,

"The biennial reports will help EPA develop Phase II management standards that may include incentives for encouraging DIY-generated (do-it-yourself) used oil recycling and/or more stringent management standards for a particular form of recycling. The biennial reports also help the Agency monitor the flow and disposition of used oil and allow the Agency to assess the relative amounts of used oil that are recycled in different manners."

Furthermore, exempting wastes subject to regulation under Part 739 from Parts 808 and 809 would require the establishment of a second reporting system to satisfy the requirements of Section 739.157(b). The reporting requirements of Section 739.157(b) are currently met by satisfying the reporting requirements in Subpart E of Part 809. Therefore, the Illinois EPA believes that used oil and other wastes subject to regulation under Part 739 should remain special wastes subject to the reporting requirements and should not be exempt from Parts 808 and 809.

- The Illinois EPA also has concerns regarding the following language in NORA's proposal regarding de minimis or recoverable amounts of used oil in wastewater:
  - "B)Nonhazardous waste water contaminated by or mixed with used oil, both generated by the same generator and which contain more than a de minimis (recoverable) quantity of used oil."

The amount of oil that would be considered recoverable varies from facility to facility depending on the types of processes and efficiency of each component of the treatment system. (See October 1, 2008 Hearing Transcript Page 85 Line 17 through Page 87 Line 4 and Page 164 Lines 4-15). Based on NORA's testimony the generator may know the facility where the oil is bulked but the treatment facility may change depending on characteristics of the oil mixture and price of treatment. Some systems that would receive the waste water are not used oil treatment units, but waste water treatment units that use chemical and biological methods to treat the water to meet discharge standards. The Illinois EPA's concern is that since the generator may not know the end facility that

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receives the used oil and wastewater mixture, the generator would not be able to

determine if the wastewater had recoverable amounts of used oil and therefore the

generator could not determine if the waste was exempt from manifesting requirements

under the manifest exemption language proposed by NORA.

With the proposed Parts 739.124 and 739.146(a)(6), Illinois EPA's concern is that NORA

proposes tracking requirements that call for the "classification" and "description" of the

non used oil materials but does not define these terms.

4 The Illinois EPA is concerned with language at proposed Part 739.146(a)(6) requiring the

use of a Part 809 special waste manifest for hazardous waste when hazardous waste is

subject to the uniform hazardous waste manifest requirements.

5 The Illinois EPA is also concerned with the language at proposed Part 739.146(b)(6)

which references an ASTM specification but does not fully identify or incorporate a

specific ASTM specification.

Because of the reasons specified above the Illinois EPA recommends that the Board proceed to

adopt its first notice proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, STEPHANIE FLOWERS, an attorney, do certify that I filed electronically with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board the ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO NORA'S COMMENTS and will cause the same to be served upon the following persons, by placing a true and correct copy in an envelope addressed to:

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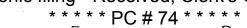
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April 23, 2008

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Dear Ms. Manning:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA") has reviewed your letter received by the IEPA on April 3, 2008 requesting further negotiation of amendments to the special waste regulations regarding an exemption for used oil from manifests and hauler permits. With regard to the proposed "Mixtures not subject to Illinois Special Waste Manifesting" set forth on the attachment to the letter the IEPA states the following:

- (1) Small Quantity Hazardous Waste The IEPA's position is that small quantity hazardous waste must be manifested pursuant to Part 809 even if mixed with used oil. If mixed with used oil small quantity hazardous waste may also be subject to the used oil regulations at Part 739.
- (2) Materials containing or otherwise contaminated by used oil The IEPA's position is that materials containing or otherwise contaminated by used oil must be manifested pursuant to Part 809 even if mixed with used oil. If mixed with used oil these materials may also be subject to the used oil regulations at Part 739. Regarding NORA's suggestion of setting a BTU value for manifest exemption, the IEPA believes this would create the need for a regulatory program that would be more burdensome than manifesting.
- (3) Mixtures of Used Oil and Fuels The IEPA's position is that fuels in used oil are not a special waste because they are presumed to be going for burning (the original intended use) and are therefore not disposed. Fuels would not be subject to special waste manifesting but would be subject to Part 739 when mixed with used oil. However, fuel and used oil going to be disposed (including incineration) would be subject to other regulations and not Part 739.
- (4) Nonhazardous Wastewater Mixed with Used Oil The IEPA's position is that wastewater that is mixed with used oil through use or unintentional contamination during

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collection or storage by the generator is subject to Part 739 and should be allowed a special waste manifesting exemption. However, the IEPA believes that there are possibly only two scenarios where a special waste manifesting exemption would apply. One is cutting fluids that contain a lot of water and the second is used oil that contains water due to storage contamination. All other wastewater requires a special waste manifest pursuant to Part 809 and may also be subject to the used oil regulations at Part 739 when mixed with used oil.

Based on the foregoing comments the IEPA cannot support NORA's proposed amendments set forth in the letter. The IEPA comments were based on the proposed amendments as written. The IEPA reserves the right to offer additional comments should any proposed amendments be submitted to the Illinois Pollution Control Board. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone at 217-782-6494 or by email at stephanie.flowers@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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