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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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CLEAN-UP)	R09-019
AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL.)	(Rulemaking - Air)
ADM. CODE PART 243)	
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NOTICE

TO:

John Therriault, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board State of Illinois Center 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601

via electronic mail on January 18, 2011, and upon:

Alec M. Davis General Counsel Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group 215 E. Adams Street Springfield, IL 62701

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Matthew Dunn, Division Chief Environmental Enforcement/ Asbestos Litigation Division Office of the Attorney General 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200 Chicago, Illinois 60601

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Pollution Control Board the FIRST NOTICE COMMENTS OF THE ILLINOIS

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: _____

Charles E. Matoesian Assistant Counsel Division of Legal Counsel

DATED: January 18, 2011 P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 217/782-5544

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CLEAN-UP AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL. ADM. CODE PART 243 R09-19 (Rulemaking - Air)

FIRST NOTICE COMMENTS OF THE ILLINOIS EPA

NOW COMES the ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ("Illinois EPA"), by its attorneys, and hereby submits its first notice comments in the above rulemaking proceeding. The Illinois EPA has reviewed the Illinois Pollution Control Board's ("Board's") Order sending the rule to first notice and responds as follows:

The Illinois Environmental Group's ("IERG") suggestions regarding the SO₂, NO₂ and CO provisions of the Illinois rule were not part of the Illinois EPA's original proposal and the Illinois EPA believes that the IPCB should not make these changes in this proceeding. Since the Illinois EPA's original filing of its proposal, USEPA has revised the SO₂ and NO₂ air quality standards, and is considering revisions to the CO, ozone, and PM_{2.5} standards as well. The Illinois EPA intends to propose revisions to these standards in a separate rulemaking in the near future.

Further, IERG overreaches in claiming that the Board made a finding of fact regarding the current language in Part 243 concerning the SO_2 air quality standard. First Notice Comments of the IERG, page 9. Rather, the Board restated IERG's position but chose not to make IERG's requested change. The Illinois EPA encourages the Board to maintain this course of action.

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The Board, in its Opinion and Order, further chooses not to make the changes recommended by IERG concerning CO and NO₂. The Illinois EPA encourages the Board to maintain this course of action and only amend Part 243 as laid out in its Order. It is preferable, at this point, to limit the amendments to Part 243 to the pollutants and changes that the Illinois EPA has suggested and the Board had listed in its Opinion and Order.

Respectfully submitted,

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, on oath state that I have served the attached <u>FIRST NOTICE</u> <u>COMMENTS OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</u> upon the persons to whom it is directed, by placing it in envelopes addressed to:

TO:

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by mailing same by First Class Mail from Springfield, Illinois on January 18, 2011 with sufficient postage affixed.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

this th day of , 2011

Notary Public