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## Letter from the Chairman

In March, the Board adopted a second notice in Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations for the Chicago Area Waterway System [CAWS] and Lower Des Plaines River [LDPR]: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301, 302, 303, and 304, R08-9(D). The rule was sent to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules for second notice consideration. At second notice, the Board generally proceeded with the standards as proposed at first notice, including a site specific chloride water quality standard for the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC). However, the Board made two substantive changes.



First, while the Board proposed a year-round chloride standard of 500 mg/L for CAWS and LDPR, except for the CSSC, the standard will have a three year delayed effective date. The year-round chloride standard will not be effective until three years after the effective date of the rules. In the interim, the Board leaves in place the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) standard during the winter months of December 1 through April 30 and applies the 500 mg/L chloride standard during the summer months of May 1 through November 30 for CAWS and LDPR, except for the CSSC. The interim TDS standard will sunset three years after the effective date of the rules.

Second, the Board proceeded to second notice with the temperature standards as proposed at first-notice, except the Board delayed the effective date of the temperature standards until three years after the effective date of the rules.

The adoption of the second notice represents a significant step toward the completion of this rulemaking. R08-9 spanned over seven years and included a record setting number of hearing days and public comments. The dedication and professionalism of the participants, as well as current and former Board Members and staff, helped to develop a water quality rule for both recreational and aquatic life that balances Clean Water Act goals with the reality of the waters of the CAWS and LDPR. We are pleased to be proceeding with this rule and plan to complete this rulemaking in May.

It is my pleasure to introduce Gerald M. Keenan who was appointed to the Board by Governor Rauner on March 16, 2015. Mr. Keenan joins the Board with extensive experience as a regulator, entrepreneur, consultant, and financier in the electric, natural gas, and telecommunications industries, including serving as the general manager of the Illinois Commerce Commission in the 1980s. In addition, Mr. Keenan has participated in Federal and state efforts to develop market based solutions to environmental issues, including development of SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC trading markets. Mr. Keenan is located in the Chicago Office.

Please visit the Board website at [www.ipcb.state.il.us](http://www.ipcb.state.il.us) for information on Board rulemaking dockets and contested cases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna Glosser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deanna Glosser, Ph.D.  
Chairman