

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
July 26, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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PROPOSED SITE SPECIFIC RULE FOR ) R 14-24  
SANITARY DISTRICT OF DECATUR ) (Site-Specific Rulemaking - Water)  
FROM 35 ILL. ADM. CODE SECTION )  
302.208(e). )

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by K. Papadimitriou):

The Sanitary District of Decatur (District) filed two separate actions seeking relief from water quality standards for its sewage treatment plant at 501 Dipper Lane, Decatur, Macon County, which discharges to the Sangamon River. This docket relates to the District's request for a site-specific rule on water quality standards for nickel. The District also filed an extension for a 2010 variance granting similar relief that was converted into a time-limited water quality standard petition (PCB 14-111).

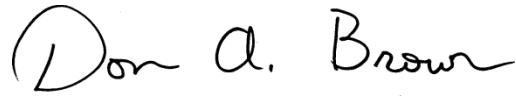
The Board earlier postponed action in this rulemaking docket until June 30, 2017, and directed the District to file a status report by May 12, 2017. In its April 12, 2017 order, the Board directed the District to state its position on how this rulemaking is impacted by (1) the newly-adopted Section 38.5 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/38.5 (2016)), and (2) the conversion of the District's variance petition to a time-limited water quality standard under that section.

The District timely filed the status report. The report, however, does not address the Board's questions as to how the changes in PCB 14-111 impact this rulemaking. In its report, the District requests an additional extension, until November 31, 2017, before scheduling a hearing in this rulemaking. The District seeks the extension to complete toxicity testing and reporting requested by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Report at 2-3.

The Board grants the extension and postpones action in this rulemaking until November 31, 2017. The Board directs the District to file at the end of this extension all documentation necessary to support the District's petition for a site-specific rule in this docket. The Board also directs the District to address the Board's April 12, 2017 questions by that date. Additionally, the District must explain its position on how the two related dockets should proceed, including its position as to any potential conflicts in proceeding with both dockets and obtaining the sought relief in both dockets.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on July 26, 2017, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don A. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular initial "D".

Don A. Brown, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board