BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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PART 104, SUBPART E)	· ·

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today electronically filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S COMMENTS ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE'S SECOND NOTICE CHANGES, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Dated: April 10, 2018

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The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency or Illinois EPA), by and through one of its attorneys, Sara G. Terranova, hereby submits its Comments on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rule's (JCAR) Second Notice Changes in the above captioned matter. The Agency comments as follows:

- 1. On April 5, 2018, the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group (IERG) submitted a comment on JCAR's Second Notice Changes. *See* Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group's Comment on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rule's Second Notice Changes (April 5, 2018). IERG recommended against adding JCAR's changes to Section 104.560(a)(6), which contains one of the 40 C.F.R. 131.10(g) factors (10(g) factors). *See Id* at 2. In support, IERG stated that JCAR's proposed changes to the language in Section 104.560(a)(6) were inconsistent with the federal language for this factor and limited the factor's scope when compared to the federal rule. *See Id*.
- 2. The Illinois EPA agrees with IERG's recommendation against adding JCAR's changes to Section 104.560(a)(6) which contains one of the federally required 10(g) factors. The Illinois EPA agrees that JCAR's changes are inconsistent with the federal language in 40 C.F.R. 131.10(g)(6) and limit the factor's scope when compared to federal rule.
- 3. In addition, the Illinois EPA recommends against adding JCAR's changes to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.560(a)(2) and (3) and 104.560(c). See JCAR Second Notice Changes at 6

and 7, changes 122 – 130, 135, and 137 to lines 661-665, 667, 668, 696, 697, and 699 (revised

April 3, 2018, filed April 4, 2018).

4. As with subsection 104.560(a)(6), subsections 104.560(a)(2) and (3) and

104.560(c) are taken directly from the 10(g) factors in 40 C.F.R 131.10(g)(2) and (3) and the

federal rule in 40 C.F.R 131.14(b)(2)(i)(A) and (b)(2)(ii). JCAR's changes are inconsistent with

this federal language. Any such inconsistency provides the possibility for a misinterpretation of

the federal language from which these subsections were taken. The Agency is concerned that

without precise consistency between the State and federal language, petitioners may fail to make

the necessary demonstration required for a successful Time Limited Water Quality Standard

petition and ultimately fail to obtain the United States Environmental Protection Agency's

approval, which is the necessary last step for such a petition.

5. Finally, the Agency recommends that consistency be established with the use of

the word "must" or "will" throughout the Subpart. With a differing use of the terms, the Agency

is concerned a distinction is being made – or could be argued – between provisions containing

"must" versus "will". It was the Agency's intent to propose each "must" be replaced with the

word "will" as the Agency believed the two terms held the same meaning.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sara G. Terranova, Assistant Counsel for the Illinois EPA, herein certify that I have served a copy of the Notice of Filing and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Comments on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rule's Second Notice Changes upon persons listed on the Service List by electronic filing with the Illinois Pollution Control Board on April 10, 2018.

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