ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD August 10, 2018

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IN THE MATTER OF:

PROPOSED SITE-SPECIFIC RULE FOR SANITARY DISTRICT OF DECATUR FROM 35 ILL. ADM. CODE 302.208(e) R14-24 (Site-Specific Rule - Water)

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On November 30, 2017, the Sanitary District of Decatur (District) filed an amended petition for a site-specific rule. After conducting a public hearing and receiving public comments, the Board on July 26, 2018, adopted a first-notice opinion and order proposing a new Section 303.410 of the Board's water pollution rules. The proposal would establish a site-specific standard based on bioavailability of nickel to aquatic life in the Sangamon River near the District's discharge.

The Board's proposal appeared today in the *Illinois Register*. 42 Ill. Reg. 14468-73 (Aug. 10, 2018). First-notice publication begins a period of at least 45 days during which any person may file a public comment with the Board, regardless of whether the person has already commented. *See* 5 ILCS 100/5-40(b) (2016) (Illinois Administrative Procedure Act).

The Board will accept public comment on its first-notice proposal for 45 days until Monday, September 24, 2018, at which time the public comment period will close.

Public comments must be filed electronically through the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) at <u>pcb.illinois.gov</u>. The Board requests that comments indicate this rulemaking's docket number, R14-24. Please direct questions about electronic filing to the Board's Clerk at 312-814-3461.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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