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Illinois Pollution Control Board
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Re: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Comments for Docket R02-5 SDWA Update, USEPA Amendments, January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001

Dear Ms. Gunn:

This letter is a comment on a portion of Docket R02-5, which includes proposed language for adoption of the January 26, 2001 *Federal Register* promulgation of the arsenic regulation through the identical in substance process. The Agency has been in contact with USEPA Region 5. The Region is unwilling to review or comment upon the regulation until such time as comments from the October 5, 2001, Notice of Data Availability publication in the *Federal Register* have been received, reviewed and a final determination issued as to whether or not changes will be made to the January 26, 2001, promulgated rule.

The Agency respectfully requests that the Board withdraw its proposal to adopt the federal arsenic language until such time as final language has been determined by USEPA. It is impossible for either Region 5 or the Agency to comment with any certainty upon the arsenic language portion of proposed Docket R02-5 at this time.

The Agency continues to review the remainder of the Docket, and will transmit comments for the remaining portion under separate cover. Should you have any questions, please contact me for clarification.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Manager - Field Operations
Division of Public Water Supplies

GEORGE H. RYAN, GOVERNOR

Enclosure

cc: Rita Garner, USEPA Region 5