

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
September 28, 1989

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
GROUNDWATER QUALITY STANDARDS) R89-14
(35 Ill. Adm. Code 620))

ORDER OF THE BOARD: (by R. C. Flemal)

This proposal was filed with the Board on September 21, 1989, pursuant to the Groundwater Protection Act, (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 111 1/2, par. 7451 et seq.) ("GPA"). The Board wishes those interested to be informed and the record reflect that Section 8 of the GPA specifically exempts these proposed rules from the requirements of Section 27(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 111 1/2, par. 1001 et seq.) ("Act"), as well as providing an avenue for completion of a study of the economic impact of these proposed regulations, as follows:

- (c) To provide a process to expedite promulgation of groundwater quality standards, the provisions of this Section shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (b) of Section 27 of the "Environmental Protection Act", approved June 29, 1970, as amended; and shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of "An Act in relation to natural resources, research, data collection and environmental studies", approved July 1, 1978, as amended.
- (d) The Department of Energy and Natural Resources, with the cooperation of the [Groundwater Advisory] Committee and the [Illinois Environmental Protection] Agency, shall conduct a study of the economic impact of the regulations developed pursuant to this Section. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, consideration of the criteria established in subsection (a) of Section 4 of "An Act in relation to natural resources, research, data collection and environmental studies", approved July 1, 1978, as amended. This study shall be conducted concurrently with the development of the regulations developed pursuant to this Section. Work on this study shall commence as soon as is administratively practicable after the Agency begins development of the regulations. The study shall be submitted to the Board no later than 60 days after the proposed regulations are filed with the Board.

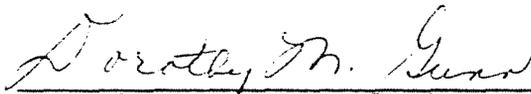
The Department shall consult with the Economic Technical Advisory Committee during the development of the regulations and the economic impact study required in this Section and shall consider the comments of the Committee in the study.

- (e) The Board may combine public hearings on the economic impact study conducted by the Department with any hearings required under Board rules.

Therefore, due to the fact that in this proceeding an EcIS is already required pursuant to the above quoted provisions of the GPA, the Board need not make a determination on the necessity of an EcIS as required by Section 27(a) of the Act. Furthermore, there is no need for interested persons to comment on the necessity of an EcIS.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the 28th day of September, 1989, by a vote of 6-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board