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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
November 30, 2011

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND)	R08-9 (C)
EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR THE)	(Rulemaking - Water)
CHICAGO AREA WATERWAY SYSTEM)	
AND LOWER DES PLAINES RIVER)	
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL.)	
ADM. CODE 301, 302, 303, and 304)	

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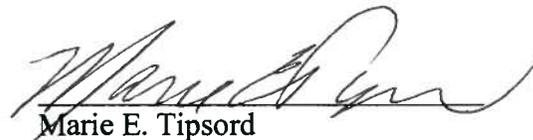
HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On September 23, 2011, the hearing officer granted a "Joint Emergency Motion to Vacate Deadlines in Subdocket C and Set Date for Filing of Joint Status Report" (Mot.). The joint motion was filed by: 1) the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; 2) Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; and 3) the Environmental Law and Policy Center, Friends of the Chicago River, Sierra Club Illinois Chapter, Natural Resources Defense Council, Openlands, Prairie Rivers Network, Alliance for the Great Lakes and Southeast Environmental Task Force (collectively participants). In granting the motion the hearing officer vacated the deadlines of October 3, 2011, and October 17, 2011 for filing of public comment and directed that a joint status report be filed by participants on November 21, 2011.

On November 21, 2011 the Board received the joint status report. In that report, participants indicate that several meetings have been held and "significant progress was made" toward negotiating an agreement. Participants request another 30 days to continue to work toward an agreement.

An additional 30 days is granted and a new status report must be filed by January 3, 2012, and the mailbox rule does not apply. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300. A public comment deadline will not be set until that time. The comments will be due no sooner than 30 days after the filing of the status report and, based on the content of the status report, may be set later.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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