

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

June 12, 2020

METROPOLITAN WATER	)	
RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER	)	
CHICAGO,	)	PCB 16-28
	)	(Time-Limited Water Quality Standard)
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL	)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES:**

**HEARING:** August 4, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m., to be continued  
if necessary, on August 5, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

By videoconference on August 4, 2020 between:

IPCB CHICAGO HEARING ROOM	and	IPCB SPRINGFIELD HEARING ROOM
Room 9-040		Conference Room 1244 N, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
James R. Thompson Center		Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
100 W. Randolph St.		1021 N. Grand Avenue East, North Entrance
Chicago Illinois 60601		Springfield, Illinois 62702

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Due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), and Executive Orders in effect at the time of this notice, the Board is introducing an additional platform to encourage participation and public safety. If anyone has questions, please contact the Hearing Officer, Bradley Halloran, at 312-

814-8917, or by email at [Brad.Halloran@illinois.gov](mailto:Brad.Halloran@illinois.gov). If there are connection issues, contact Marie Tipsord at 312-814-4925.

BY COMPUTER      Click this link:

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=ma847e3d60d9ae3343f890ad8b93d9539>

This will take you to the Webex page for the hearing. Enter your information and click the “Join Now” button. You may be prompted for a Meeting Number or Password which can be found below.

BY PHONE

Call US Toll: 1-312-535-8110, or US Toll: 1-415-655-0002 and when prompted enter the meeting number, below.

Meeting Number: 133 332 4893

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### **HEARING OFFICER ORDER**

On July 26, 2018, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) filed an amended petition for a dissolved oxygen (DO) time-limited water quality standard (TLWQS). 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104 Subpart E. MWRD is seeking TLWQS for discharges from Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) outfalls into the Chicago Area Waterways System. MWRD requests TLWQS for CSO outfalls covered under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits issued to its O’Brien, Calumet and Stickney wastewater treatment plants. On March 28, 2019, the Board found that MWRD’s amended petition is in substantial compliance with the Environmental Protection Act and Board regulations. The Board directed the hearing officer to schedule a public hearing. MWRD v. IEPA, PCB 16-28 (March 28, 2019).

The hearing will be by videoconference between the Board’s offices. Today’s order sets the dates for the hearing and the prefiling deadlines for written testimony and questions.

The Board’s procedural rules provide that “[a]ny Board hearing may be held by videoconference.” The rule provides factors that a hearing officer will consider in determining whether to hold a hearing by videoconference. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.600(b). Videoconference hearings reduce travel costs for Board members and staff, witnesses and participants. Based on these considerations, the hearing will be conducted by videoconference between its offices.

Matters to be discussed at the hearing are issues related to dissolved oxygen TLWQS applicable to discharges from MWRD’s CSO outfalls into the CAWS. Below is a link to the Board’s website where the initial petition and the amended petition can be obtained along with

supporting documentation and other relevant materials. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.555 (b) (3) and (4).

<https://pcb.illinois.gov/>

[Additionally, the link to the initial petition is:](#)

<https://pcb.illinois.gov/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-89655>

[The link to the amended petition is:](#)

<https://pcb.illinois.gov/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-98349>

### **Hearing and Pre-Filed Testimony and Questions**

The Board will conduct this hearing to allow the MWRD, the IEPA and any other interested participants to testify and present comments on the merits. Participants may make relevant oral statements on the record and must be made under oath and subject to cross-examination. All persons wishing to testify at hearing will be sworn in and subject to questioning. *See* Ill. Adm. Code 101.628 (a). Any participant may submit written statements relevant to the subject matter at any time before hearing or at hearing and will be subject to cross-examination. *See* Ill. Adm. Code 101.628 (b). Oral public comment may be made on the record at hearing and is not subject to cross-examination. *See* Ill. Adm. Code 101.628 (c).

Unless the Board, hearing officer, Clerk or procedural rules provide otherwise, all documents in this proceeding must be filed electronically through the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL). 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.302 (h), 101.1000 (c), Subpart J. Documents may generally be served by e-mail if the recipient has consented to e-mail service and has not revoked the consent. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.1060.

The deadline to pre-file answers to the Board's questions or other additional testimony is July 15, 2020, by 4:30 p.m. (the time the Clerk's office stops accepting filings date stamped that day). Pre-filed questions based on the pre-filed testimony must be filed with the Board, by July 25, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. The Board encourages MWRD to pre-file answers to any additional questions filed by July 25, 2020, before August 4, 2020.

For this videoconference hearing, any document to be offered as a hearing exhibit must be received by the Clerk's Office at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the hearing. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.424 (h). If not filed at least 24 hours before scheduled start of the videoconference hearing, the document will not be allowed at the hearing but may be filed as a public comment after the hearing. *Id.*

The hearing will proceed as follows: the petition, responses to the questions from the Board, IEPA responses and replies to the Board and IEPA questions and responses will be admitted without further testimony. However, anyone may object at hearing regarding these admitted documents. An opening statement will be available to the parties if they choose. The petitioner will commence the hearing with their witnesses. Questions may be directed to the witnesses by, including but not limited to, the Board and the IEPA. After petitioner rests the IEPA will present its witness. Questions may be directed to him by, including but not limited to, the Board and the petitioner. After the IEPA rests, members of the public may ask questions, give testimony or comment. The hearing officer may make adjustments in the hearing procedure as needed.

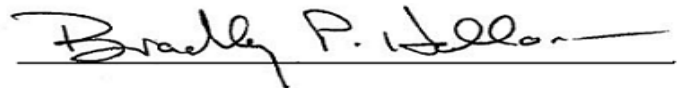
### **Written Public Comment**

Written public comment may be filed with the Board at any time until the conclusion of the comment period. That date will be announced by hearing officer order after the close of hearings. If you have any questions regarding written public comment you may contact the hearing officer or the Clerk of the Board.

### **Availability of Filings**

All filings in this proceeding will be available on the Board's web page at [www.ipcb.state.il.us](http://www.ipcb.state.il.us) and participants may file electronically on the Board's web page. The prefiled testimony and prefiled questions must be served on the persons on the service list.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



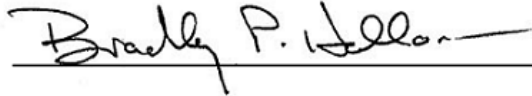
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that true copies of the foregoing order were e-mailed on June 12, 2020, to each of the persons on the service list below.

It is hereby certified that a true copy of the foregoing order was e-mailed to the following on June 12, 2020:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bradley P. Halloran", is written over a horizontal line.

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