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STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board

Mr. Brad Holloran Illinois Pollution Control Board Clerks Office James R. Thompson Center Suite 11-500 100 W. Randolf Street Chicago, Illinois 60601

Subject: Permit (PCB 91-17) and (AS 02-05)

Dear Mr. Holloran,

I am most concerned with the aggressive actions the Illinois Pollution Control Board is proposing to take against the Noveon and Poly One plants north of Henry, IL., (the former B. F. Goodrich Corp.)

Working at this plant off and on as a construction pipefitter and then as a mechanical contractor for 32 years, I can attest to the fact that millions of dollars have been spent for waste treatment and pollution control at these facilities. Since retiring 5 years ago, I do not know the present plant managers personally but I still know some of the senior management and engineers.

Over the years it has been my pleasure to have worked with the highest caliber people in the industrial plants located along the Illinois river between Henry, IL., and Morris, IL.. I am in a position to state unequivocally and with assurance to all that there is not another industrial facility in this area employing people of a higher integrity or with greater concern for protecting the environment than the engineers and management responsible for this aspect of the B. F. Goodrich/Noveon/Poly One facility. Keep in mind, most of these people live in the adjacent community of Henry, IL.

I request your staff work <u>with</u> the industrial plants to <u>solve</u> any problems while being reasonable in your expectations.

Sincerely,

Tomas D Wilkins

Thomas D. Wilkinson Sparland, IL.