

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION)	
DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO,)	PCB 2016-029
)	
Petitioner,)	(Variance -Water)
)	
v.)	
)	
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)	
AGENCY,)	
)	
Respondent.		

NOTICE OF FILING

To:	John Therriault, Assistant Clerk	Brad Halloran, Hearing Officer
	Illinois Pollution Control Board	Illinois Pollution Control Board
	James R. Thompson Center	1021 North Grand Avenue East
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	Chicago, Illinois 60601	Springfield, IL 62794

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Pollution Control Board the APPEARANCE and MOTION TO STAY for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

By: /s/ Stefanie Diers
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DATED: August 19, 2015

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APPEARANCE

The undersigned hereby enters her appearance as an attorney on behalf of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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**MOTION FOR STAY FOR FILING THE AGENCY'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE
VARIANCE PETITION**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA" or "Agency"), by and through its attorney, hereby submits its Motion For Stay with respect to the filing of the Agency's Recommendation on the Petitioner's Variance Petition. In support thereof, the Illinois EPA states as follows:

1) On July 21, 2015, the Petitioner filed its Petition for a Variance with the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") from the chloride water quality standards adopted in R08-9 (Subdocket D).

2) The Petitioner argues there is confusion as to the effective date of the chloride standards adopted in R08-9 (Subdocket D). The adopted rules were published in the Illinois Register on July 10, 2015, with an effective date of July 1, 2015. (See, Ill. Reg., 39, Issue 28, P. 9388, 9423 and 9433).

3) The Notice of Adopted Rule states the effective date of the adopted rules is July 1, 2015. However, Sections 302.407(g)(2) and (3) state the new chloride water quality standard is not effective until July 1, 2018.

4) Because of this confusion the Petitioner filed its variance petitions with the Board on July 21, 2015, pursuant to the language found in Section 38(b) of the Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), seeking a stay of the effectiveness of the chloride and temperature water quality standards. See 415 ILCS 5/38(b). Section 38(b) of the Act provides that if a variance is sought within 20 days of the effective date of the rule or regulation, the operation of the rule or regulation is stayed to such person pending disposition of the petition. The Agency notes that several other variance petitions similar to the present case have also been filed with the Board.

5) The Agency believes the effective date of the rules for the chloride water quality standard at issue is July 1, 2018, and has filed with the Board a Motion for Clarification in R08-9, to help erase the confusion the different dates have caused parties involved in the rulemaking.

6) Therefore, until the effective date for the chloride water quality standard for purposed of application of Section 38(b) of the Act is determined through clarification by the Board, the Agency asks the Board to stay the Agency's requirement of filing a recommendation on the variance petition since it appears the variance request may be premature. The Agency asks that should the Board determine the variance petition should go forward; the 45 day requirement to file a recommendation with respect to the variance petitions be extended for at least 60 days after a decision is reached on the clarification issue.

WHEREFORE, the Illinois EPA respectfully requests the Board grant its Motion to Stay filing a recommendation until clarification is provided as to the effective date of the water quality standards adopted for chloride in R08-9 (Subdocket D) and if the

Board determines the effective date is July 1, 2015 and the variance petition was timely filed, the Agency asks that the 45 days to file a recommendation be extended to at least 60 days following a determination by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, an attorney, state that I have served the attached the NOTICE OF FILING, APPEARANCE, and MOTION TO STAY for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency upon the person to whom it is directed, by mailing it by first-class mail from Springfield, Illinois, with sufficient postage affixed, to the following persons:

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