

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
GROUNDWATER QUALITY
(35 ILL. ADM. CODE 620)

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R2022-018
(Rulemaking - Public Water Supply)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today electronically filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board the attached **Dynegy’s Corrected Exhibit B to its Third Hearing Exhibits**, and a **Certificate of Service**, copies of which are hereby served upon you.

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TESTIMONY OF LISA YOST

Regarding Proposed Amendments to
Groundwater Quality Criteria
(35 Ill. Adm. Code 620)

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Credentials Ms. Yost, MPH, DABT

- Ms. Lisa Yost is a board-certified toxicologist with more than 30 years of experience assisting clients assessing human health risks related to exposure to a variety of chemical substances in environmental media
 - She has conducted or supervised risk assessments under CERCLA, RCRA or state-led regulatory contexts
 - Served on Technical Advisory Group providing input on selection of toxicity values as part of the Michigan: Part 201: Stakeholder Recommendations in Updating Michigan's Generic Cleanup Criteria for Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
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Selenium

- Proposed Class I and Class II of 0.02 mg/L for protection of forage crops irrigated with groundwater based on USEPA (1972) reference is not representative of Illinois:
 - Intended for continuous irrigation, or fine grained alkaline soils
 - The 0.02 mg/L value was recommended for fine grained alkaline soils “until greater information is obtained” reflecting uncertainty in this value
 - Locations where issues were identified are unlike Illinois agriculture: Oregon, Wyoming, New Zealand, and Denmark with a focus on “range plants”
 - Illinois agricultural resources identify a need for supplementation with selenium and do not identify issues with selenium in forage

Recommend maintaining current Class I and Class II standard of 0.05 mg/L for selenium, consistent with the MCL and livestock watering recommendation in USEPA (1972)

Fluoride

- Proposed Class I and Class II values of 2 mg/l for fluoride based on tooth mottling in livestock through drinking groundwater, a cosmetic dental effect:

“It appears, however, that as little as 2 mg/L may cause tooth mottling under some circumstances. *At least a several-fold increase in its concentration seems, however, required to produce other injurious effect.*” [USEPA 1972 emphasis added].

- Modification to address a cosmetic endpoint in livestock provides little benefit.

The current 4 mg/L Class I and Class II values are protective and are consistent with the enforceable MCL standard and is protective of livestock health

Molybdenum Class I

- The proposed Class I standard of 0.019 mg/L is based on USEPA Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) 1992 toxicity value derived from a flawed study in people (Koval'skiy et al. 1961) (e.g., issues with controls and measurement)
- More current analyses by ATSDR (2020) and European Chemical Agency (ECHA) rejected Koval'skiy et al. (1961) and relied on a study in rats (Murray et al. 2014)
- ECHA determined no adjustment was needed to use a subchronic study to evaluate chronic effects because there were no further effects with chronic exposure in NTP (1997)

RfD (mg/kg-day)	Study Basis	Resulting health-based value
0.005 (chronic)	Koval'skiy et al. (1961)	0.019 mg/L
0.06 (intermediate)	Murray et al. (2014)	0.2 mg/L

- Class I standard of 0.2 mg/L is health protective.
- A groundwater molybdenum standard of 0.1 mg/L exists in Illinois in other regulatory contexts and the Board may wish to set a similar Class I standard for molybdenum.

Molybdenum Class II

- The proposed Class II standard of 0.050 mg/L is based on protection of animals foraging on crops irrigated with groundwater.
- Studies used as a basis for the proposed Class II molybdenum standard are not representative of Illinois agriculture
 - Molybdenum toxicity occurs primarily in the Western US, due to naturally occurring levels in soil and soil characteristics. Molybdenum is more readily absorbed in alkaline soils (Kaiser et al. (2005))
 - Illinois soils tend to be mildly acidic or neutral, while high salinity soils, mineralized soils and soils with a higher pH are more common in the Western US.

- Available evidence does not suggest the need for a standard to protect against this endpoint in Illinois.
- If a Class II standard for molybdenum is viewed as essential, it should be set no lower than 0.1 mg/L, consistent with other groundwater regulatory contexts in Illinois (see 35 Ill. Adm. Code § 845.600).

Kaiser BN, Gridley KL, Ngaire Brady J, Phillips T, Tyerman SD. The role of molybdenum in agricultural plant production. *Ann Bot.* 2005 Oct;96(5):745-54. doi: 10.1093/aob/mci226. Epub 2005 Jul 20. PMID: 16033776; PMCID: PMC4247040
Illinois State Water Survey Alternative Crop Suitability Maps. <https://www.isws.illinois.edu/data/altcrops/gisoils.asp>

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