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Re: Opposition to AS [2026-001](#) – Petition of CITGO Petroleum Corporation for an Adjusted Standard from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 216.121

Dear Members of the Board:

I respectfully submit this letter in opposition to the petition filed by CITGO Petroleum Corporation seeking an adjusted standard from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 216.121.

The purpose of Illinois environmental regulations is to protect public health, air quality, and the environment. Adjusted standards should be granted only when a petitioner demonstrates that the requested relief is justified and will provide environmental protection equivalent to the existing regulation. Based on the information available, I am not convinced that this burden has been met.

Residents of Will County already experience the cumulative effects of industrial activity. Granting regulatory relief that could allow increased emissions or reduced environmental safeguards has the potential to negatively affect nearby communities, including vulnerable populations such as children, older adults, and individuals with respiratory illnesses.

The Board should also consider the long-term impacts of any decision. While an adjusted standard may provide operational flexibility for one facility, it could establish a precedent that weakens environmental protections intended to benefit all Illinois residents.

I respectfully request that the Board:

- Deny the petition unless the petitioner clearly demonstrates that public health and environmental protections will not be diminished.
- Require complete transparency regarding projected emissions, compliance history, and potential community impacts.
- Give substantial weight to the concerns of residents who may be affected by any increase in pollution.
- Ensure that any decision remains consistent with the Illinois Environmental Protection Act's goal of protecting the health, welfare,

and environment of the people of Illinois.

Protecting clean air and public health should remain the Board's highest priority. I appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and respectfully urge the Board to deny the requested adjusted standard unless it is supported by compelling evidence that it will not adversely affect the environment or nearby communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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