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RE: DCEO Response to Request for Determination on Economic Impact Study in

Rulemaking Docket R05-08

Dear Chairman Novak:

Thank you very much for your October 28, 2004 letter requesting a determination as to whether the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity intends to conduct an economic impact study of the proposed rules in the above-referenced docket.

The Department has reviewed the amendments to the Standards for Universal Waste Management (35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 703, 720, 721, 724,725,728 and 733) proposed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Based on this review, and in light of continued fiscal constraints, the Department has decided not to conduct a study of the economic impact of the proposed rules, pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/27(b).

Thank you for soliciting the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's input in this matter.

Sincerely,

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