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Illinois Pollution Control Board  
Attn: Dorothy Gunn, Clerk, re: Docket R02-19  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL. 60601

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the proposed amendments to the Ammonia Nitrogen Standards 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.212, 302.213, and 304.122 (R02-19). Since the existing water quality standards do not consider USEPA's 1999 Update of Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia, the District feels strongly that these amendments should be adopted to reflect the most recent scientific data and Federal guidance available. If they are not adopted, the District would be required to spend an estimated \$11,365,000 to provide additional ammonia removal facilities to meet an existing overly protective water quality standard. (Reference: Testimony of Mr. Tim Bachman presented at the March 25, 2002, hearing in Chicago.) This unneeded additional cost would result in significant debt retirement that the District would have to pass on to its users in the form of increased user charges. If the State Revolving Loan Fund were to be used, this annual debt retirement would be approximately \$765,000. This would require us to raise our user charges \$0.20 per 100 cubic feet of water used – an increase of 18.5% over the current rate of \$1.08 per 100 cubic feet. We therefore urge you to adopt the proposed amendments.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 217-367-3409. Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Very truly yours,

URBANA & CHAMPAIGN SANITARY DISTRICT

Dennis Schmidt  
Executive Director