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NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 10, 2002, I filed **Comments on the Proposed Ammonia Standards Amendments** with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMMONIA STANDARDS AMENDMENTS

The DeKalb Sanitary District respectfully submits the following comments and observations regarding the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies' proposed revisions to the Ammonia Nitrogen Water Quality Standards, currently before the Board.

The USEPA's 1999 Update of Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia was published only after an extensive review of the scientific literature. Upon releasing the 1999 update, USEPA stated, "These criteria reflect the latest scientific knowledge on the effects water pollutants have on the public health and welfare, aquatic life and recreation. The 1999 update contains EPA's most recent freshwater aquatic life criteria for ammonia and supercedes all previous freshwater aquatic life ammonia criteria.

USEPA Administrator, Christine Todd Whitman acknowledges that the foundation of EPA's work is sound science and the EPA's "...commitment to the quality and relevance of science is greater than ever before." ¹ On May 24, 2002, Ms. Whitman appointed a Science Advisor in order to strengthen the role of science at the Agency. ²


¹ Remarks of Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the EPA Science Forum, Washington, DC, May 1, 2002.

² USEPA Press Release of 5/24/2002.

The DeKalb Sanitary District believes that the IAWA petition represents a sensible and scientifically based adaptation to the State of Illinois of the USEPA's 1999 Update of Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia. This update represents USEPA's assessment of credible scientific data on the aquatic life toxicity of ammonia. The DeKalb Sanitary District recommends that the Illinois Pollution Control Board enact the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies' petition so that the most scientifically defensible water quality standards can be used to protect aquatic life in the State of Illinois.

The DeKalb Sanitary District is aware that the Illinois Pollution Control Board did authorize the Ammonia Rule for First Notice on June 6, 2002. If this ammonia issue progresses as we hope it will, the IEPA will need to develop their methodologies on how the rule is to be implemented and applied to the subject dischargers in Illinois. The DeKalb Sanitary District is supportive of this action, and encourages the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to finalize implementation methodologies.

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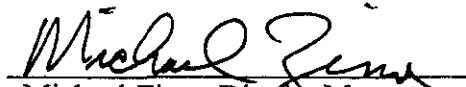
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing Comments on the Proposed Ammonia Standards Amendments was mailed, postage prepaid, by depositing in the U.S. Mail on June 10, 2002, to the addresses on the attached service list.


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