

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 6, 1986

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) R 86-8
A PLAN FOR PROTECTING)
ILLINOIS GROUNDWATER)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by R. Flemal):

On February 4, 1986, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency filed with the Board "A Plan for Protecting Illinois Groundwater" ("Plan"). The Plan was submitted in accordance with the legislative mandate of P. A. 83-1268, now codified as Section 13.1 of the Environmental Protection Act. This legislation provides in part:

"Section 13.1

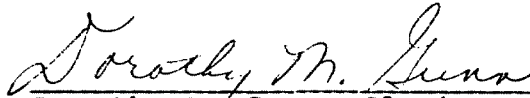
- a. The Department of Energy and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Public Health, shall complete a study of groundwater quality in Illinois....
- b. The Agency shall establish a Statewide groundwater monitoring network....
- c. By January 1, 1986, the Agency shall formulate a groundwater protection plan. Such plan shall identify critical groundwaters that have been or are particularly susceptible to contamination by hazardous substances and probable sources of such contamination, and shall recommend the steps be taken to prevent the degradation of the water quality of such areas. Such plan may also recommend the establishment of a system of classifying groundwaters based on their quality and use and for the establishment of groundwater quality standards....The Agency shall report on its plan to the Governor, the General Assembly and the Pollution Control Board, along with recommendations for any legislation, regulations or administrative changes necessary to implement the groundwater protection plan.
- d. Following the completion of the groundwater quality study and the groundwater protection plan, the Pollution Control Board shall conduct public hearings on the results and recommendations as provided in Title VII of this Act. Upon conclusion of such hearings, the Board shall publish its findings and conclusions

on the areas covered by the study and the plan and the testimony received."

This docket is therefore opened for the purpose of Board implementation of Section 13.1(d). Hearings will be scheduled as expeditiously as is practicable.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the 6th day of February, 1986 by a vote of 7-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn
Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board