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R01-13  
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Dear Ms. Gunn,

RE: IPCB Docket Number (R01-13)

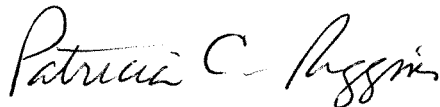
Although the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted antidegradation regulations in 1975, most states, including Illinois, have done little to adopt or enforce their own rules.

I ask that the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopt antidegradation rules that will prohibit any new pollution that would harm Illinois waters. New or increased discharges of pollutants should not be allowed where they will harm the biological integrity of the receiving waters, and no state permits or approvals should be granted for pollution discharges or other pollution-causing projects.

Further, all Illinois waters should be protected against new pollution that is not necessary to accommodate important economic or social development. Both the health of the environment and the Clean Water Act require that we do better than just barely meet Illinois water quality standards, especially since those standards are far too weak. All proposals for either new or increased discharge of toxins or other pollutants, no matter how large or small, should be reviewed, as even little sources of pollution add up to big problems. Any such loopholes that allow degradation of our streams should be plugged.

Finally, I urge the IPCB to eliminate unnecessary burdens on "Outstanding Resource Waters" petitions and not require citizens to offer testimony on potential economic impacts, since this information is easily accessible only to businesses that base their evidence solely on how it might hurt their revenues or costs.

Sincerely,



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