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Section 106.990 Applicability

The procedures set forth in this Subpart apply to any person seeking an Outstanding Resource Water "ORW" designation for a surface water or any segment thereof as provided by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 303.205. This Subpart shall be read in conjunction with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102 that contains procedures generally applicable to regulatory and informational hearings and proceedings. In a proceeding held pursuant to this Subpart, the requirements of this Subpart shall apply in the event of conflict between the requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102 and those of this Subpart.

Section 106.991 Definitions

For the purpose of this Subpart, words and terms shall have the meanings as defined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.101, unless otherwise provided.

Section 106.992 Petition

Any person may submit a written petition for the adoption, amendment or repeal of an ORW designation. The original and nine (9) copies of each petition shall be filed with the Clerk and one copy each served upon the Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the Attorney General, the States Attorney of each county in which the waters or water segment runs, the Chairman of the County Board of each county in which the waters or water segment runs, to each member of the General Assembly from the legislative district in which the waters or water segment runs, to current NPDES permit holders and NPDES permit applicants, applicants for federally permitted activities that require a certification from the Agency pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and to other persons as required by law.

Section 106.993 Publication

A person that submits a written petition for the adoption, amendment or repeal of an ORW designation shall, within 10 days after the petition is filed, publish notice of such petition in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the effected water body flows.

Section 106.994 Petition Contents

The petition must be captioned in accordance with 35 III. Adm. Code Section 101.ILLUSTRATION A General Rulemaking. The petition must contain headings corresponding to the informational requirements of each subsection of this Section. The following information shall be contained in the petition:

- a) The proponent shall identify the waters or water segment, which is to be addressed by the proposed amendment and the language to be added, deleted or repealed. Underscoring must indicate language being added and strikeouts must indicate language being deleted.
- b) A statement describing the specific surface water or segment thereof for which the ORW designation is requested and that waters' or segment's present designation;
- c) A statement describing the area in which the specific surface water or segment thereof exists including, but not limited to:
 - 1) the existence of wetlands or natural areas;
 - 2) the life contained within that area including endangered or threatened species of plants, aquatic life or wildlife listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, 16 USC 1531 et seq. or the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act, 41 ILCS 10.
- d) A statement supporting the designation including, but not limited to, the health, environmental, recreational, aesthetic or economic benefits of the designation;
- e) A statement identifying the ORW designation's anticipated impact on economic and social development. This statement should be supported by current, verifiable information including, but not limited to:
 - 1) impacts on the regional economy;
 - 2) impacts on regional employment;
 - 3) impacts on the community;
 - 4) a comparison of the health and environmental impacts to the economic impact of an ORW designation;
- f) A statement describing the existing and anticipated uses of the specific surface water or segment thereof for which the ORW designation is requested;
- g) A statement describing the existing and anticipated quality of the specific surface water or segment thereof warranting the ORW designation;
- h) A synopsis of all testimony to be presented by the proponent at hearing;

- i) Copies of any material to be incorporated by reference within the proposed designation pursuant to Section 5-75 of the Administrative Procedures Act;
- j) Proof of service upon all persons required to be served pursuant to Section 106.942 of this Part and proof of publication required by Section 106.943 of this Part;
- k) Unless the proponent is the Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources or receives a waiver by the Board, a petition signed by at least 200 persons, pursuant to Section 28 of the Act and Section 102.160(a); and
- l) Where any information required by this Section is inapplicable or unavailable, a complete justification for such inapplicability or unavailability.

Section 106.995 Board Action

a) Dismissal

- 1) Failure of the proponent to satisfy the content requirements for petitions under this Subpart or failure to respond to Board requests for additional information will render a petition subject to dismissal for inadequacy.
- 2) Failure of the proponent to pursue disposition of the petition in a timely manner will render a petition subject to dismissal. In making this determination, the Board shall consider factors including but not limited to, the history of the proceeding and the proponent's compliance with any Board or hearing officer orders.
- 3) Any person may file a motion challenging the sufficiency of the petition pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.243.
- 4) The Board shall dismiss a petition for inadequacy in cases in which the Board, after evaluating the petition, cannot determine the jurisdictional basis on which the petition is made. In all such cases, a statement informing the proponent of the Board's basis for dismissal will be made. Dismissal of the petition does not bar a proponent from re-submitting a petition in the absence of any deadline imposed by the Act or Board regulations.

b) Designation of ORW

- A) The Board shall designate a water body or water body segment as an ORW and list it in Ill. Adm. Code 303.206 if it finds:
- 2) the water body or water body segment is of uniquely high biological or recreational quality; and
- 3) the benefits of protection of the water from future degradation outweigh the benefits of economic or social opportunities that will be lost if the water is designated as an ORW.

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_____ at _____ Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 302.105 <u>Antidegradation</u>

The purpose of this Section is to maintain high quality waters and to prevent unnecessary deterioration of waters of the State.

a) Existing Uses

Uses actually attained in the water body on or after November 28, 1975, whether or not they are included in the water quality standards, must be maintained and protected. Examples of degradation of existing uses of the waters of the State include but are not limited to:

- an action that would result in the deterioration of the existing aquatic community, such as a shift from a community of predominantly pollutantsensitive species to pollutant-tolerant species or a loss of species diversity; or
- 2) an action that would result in a loss of a resident or indigenous species whose presence is necessary to sustain commercial or recreational activities.

b) Outstanding Resource Waters

- 1) Waters that are classified as an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 303.205 must not be lowered in quality except as provided below:
 - A) An activity that results in short-term, temporary (i.e., weeks or months) lowering of water quality; or
 - B) Existing site stormwater discharges that comply with applicable federal and state storm water management regulations and do not result in a violation of any water quality standards; and
 - The proponent of any activity requiring a National Pollutant

 Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or a Clean Water Act

 (CWA) Section 401 certification must also submit a demonstration

 to the Agency meeting the requirements of subsections b(2) and
 c(2) of this Section.

- 2) Any activity listed in subsection (b)(1) or proposed increase in pollutant loading must also meet the following requirements:
 - A) All existing uses of the water will be fully protected;
 - B) The proposed increase in pollutant loading is necessary for an activity that will improve water quality in the ORW; and
 - C) The improvement could not be practicably achieved without the proposed increase in pollutant loading.
- 3) Any proposed increase in pollutant loading requiring an NPDES permit or a CWA 401 certification for an ORW must be assessed pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 354 to determine compliance with this Section.

c) High Quality Waters

- Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this Section, waters of the State whose existing quality exceeds established standards of this Part must be maintained in their present high quality, unless the proponent can demonstrate pursuant to subsection (c)(2) of this Section, that allowing the lowering of water quality, is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development.
- 2) Any proposed increase in pollutant loading subject to a NPDES permit or CWA Section 401 certification must be assessed pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 354 to determine compliance with this Section.
 - A) The Agency shall consider the fate and effect of any parameters proposed for an increased pollutant loading.
 - B) The proponent of an increased pollutant loading shall demonstrate the following:
 - i) The applicable numeric or narrative water quality standard must not be exceeded as a result of the proposed activity;
 - ii) All existing uses must be fully protected;

- <u>avoid or minimize the extent of the proposed load increase</u>
 <u>have been incorporated into the proposed activity; and</u>
- iv) The activity that results in an increased pollutant loading must benefit the community at large.

d) Activities Not Subject to an Antidegradation Demonstration

The following activities will not be subject to an antidegradation demonstration pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section.

- 1) Short-term, temporary (i.e., weeks or months) lowering of water quality;
- 2) Bypasses that are not prohibited at 40 CFR 122.41(m);
- Response actions pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental
 Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, or
 similar federal or State authority, taken to alleviate a release into the
 environment of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants which
 may pose a danger to public health or welfare;
- 4) A thermal discharge that has been approved through a CWA Section 316(a) demonstration;
- New or increased discharges of a non-contact cooling water, without additives, returned to the same body of water from which it was taken as defined by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 352.104, provided that the discharge complies with applicable Illinois thermal standards; or
- 6) Discharges permitted under a current general NPDES permit as provided by 415 ILCS 5/39(b), are not subject to facility-specific antidegradation review.

e) Lake Michigan Basin

Waters in the Lake Michigan basin as identified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 303.443 are also subject to the requirements applicable to bioaccumulative chemicals of concern found at Section 302.521 of this Part.

Section 302.105 Nondegradation

Except as otherwise provided in Section 302.520, waters whose existing quality is better than the established standards at their date of their adoption will be maintained in their present high quality. Such waters will not be lowered in quality unless and until it is affirmatively demonstrated that such change will not interfere with or become injurious to any appropriate beneficial uses made of, or presently possible in, such waters and that such change is justifiable as a result of necessary economic or social development.

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Section 303.205 Outstanding Resource Waters

An Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) is a water body or water body segment that is of uniquely high biological or recreational quality and shall be designated by the Board pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 106, Subpart L.

- a) Outstanding Resource Waters ("ORW") shall be listed in Section 303.206 of this Part. In addition to all other applicable use designations and water quality standards contained in this Subtitle, an ORW is subject to the antidegradation provision of Section 302.105(b).
- b) Stream segments that have a 7Q10 low flow of zero will generally not be considered a candidate for this designation.
- c) A petition to designate a water or water segment as an ORW must be submitted to the Illinois Pollution Control Board pursuant to the procedural rules found in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 106, Subpart L.

Section 303.206 List of Outstanding Resource Waters (Reserved)