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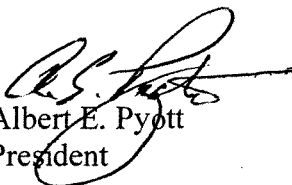
Re: Public Comment re R01-13

Dear Ms. Gunn:

The Illinois Pollution Control Board should adopt strong rules and regulatory procedures to prevent degradation of Illinois' rivers, lakes and streams. New or increased pollution should not be allowed. This should be the absolute minimum position adopted by the Board.

Beyond that it should be the Board's policy to reduce existing levels of pollution. Perhaps the word "control" in the Board's name sends the wrong message because it suggests the status quo is acceptable. The reality of the states quo is that the quality of the water in the majority of Illinois' waterways is seriously impaired. This is not acceptable. As we enter the 21st century it should be the Board's mission to reduce pollution by not only adopting strong rules, but also by taking a leadership roll to develop cost effective ways to reduce pollution and to reduce the impact of pollutants already in use. The challenge for the future is to create a better environment not to maintain the status quo.

Sincerely,


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President