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Ms. Dorothy Gunn
Clerk of the Board
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph St.
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Re: Public Comment re R01-13


Dear Ms. Gunn:

It is my strong belief that the Illinois Pollution Control Board needs to adopt strong rules to prevent degradation of Illinois, rivers, lakes and streams. As stated in Section 1 of the Clean Water Act the objective of the Act "is to restore and *maintain* the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Nation's waters." While much more progress is needed, a lot has been done over the past 26 years to restore the nation's polluted waters. Relatively little has been done to maintain the integrity of our cleaner waters. New or increased pollution should not be allowed in any water.

Also, new or increased pollution should not be allowed in any Illinois water unless it has been shown that it is absolutely necessary. This means that all reasonable alternatives to allowing the new pollution should be considered carefully.

Finally, some Illinois waters should be protected from all new pollution entirely. Citizens and citizen groups should be allowed to petition to have waters designated as Outstanding Resource Waters and protected from pollution. Such petitions should not be tied up in a lot of unnecessary red tape and citizens should not be expected to show the economic impacts of the designation. Developers and other businesses can be counted on to complain if they think an Outstanding Resource Water designation will cost them money.

Sincerely,



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