

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Pollution Control Board

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board 100 W. Randolph, Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601

RE: Request for additional time to file comments on Docket R03-15.

Dear Ms. Gunn:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) would like to request an extension until September 30, 2003 to review Docket R03-15, Identical-in-Substance Rulemaking - Public Water Supply, Safe Drinking Water Act Update USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, Analytical Methods and Consumer Confidence Rule). The Federal Rules were published on October 23, 2002 and December 9, 2002. The effective date of the rule will be October 23, 2003.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your proposed drinking water rules.

Sincerely yours,

Charlene J. Denys, Chief

Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch

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