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Ms. Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-5000
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Docket No. R-04-021
Revisions to Radium Water Quality Standards

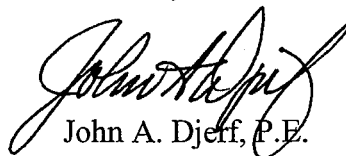
Dear Ms. Gunn:

For the past 42 years I have represented various Will County municipalities as they have struggled with limited resources to meet State and Federal water and wastewater standards with the goal of improving our health and environment. There is no doubt that today our water supplies, rivers, streams, and lakes are healthier because of these efforts, and the results have supported the cost. Unfortunately, the radium water quality standards being considered have not been shown to improve our health or environment. In addition, the money spent recently by many Illinois communities to meet drinking water standards for radium will have been wasted should standards which cannot be met with their constructed water treatment systems be implemented.

Therefore, I strongly encourage the Pollution Control Board to consider the cost/benefit ratio of any standard.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide the Board with my comments.

Sincerely,


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