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

R01-7
P.C.#5

Re: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Comments for Docket R01-07

Dear Ms. Gunn:

Please find enclosed comments pertinent to Docket R01-07, which contains identical in substance drinking water regulations for public water supplies. The Agency very much appreciates the opportunity to comment, and hopes that you will take these comments into consideration when promulgating the final rule.

Should you have any questions or find that this information is not clear, please contact me for clarification.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lou Allyn Byus
Assistant Manager – Field Operations
Division of Public Water Supplies

Enclosure

cc: David Horak, USEPA Region 5

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS
REGARDING R01-07

Section 611.904(c)(1)(B) contains a typographic error. Please correct the word "following" in the third sentence of this paragraph.

Section 611.905(c)(2)(A) requires the Illinois EPA to issue a Special Exception Permit to large water supplies to determine when each water supply serves a large proportion of non-English speaking consumers. The Agency objects to this requirement. The public water supply has the information available to make the determination of which language or languages must be included in addition to English in any public notice, as well as to include all other elements of the notice required by the Board, consistent with federal regulations, in compliance with the identical in substance provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act.

Compliance with the requirement to issue public notice in additional non-English language(s) will be assessed by the Agency at the same time all other required elements of the notice are assessed. The Agency requires all inadequate public notice announcements and consumer confidence reports to be re-issued by the public water supply, and will continue to follow this compliance practice. In addition, non-compliance notification will be issued for improper or inadequate public notice, using the enforcement system consistent with Section 31 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/31, which is used to pursue compliance with all drinking water non-compliance. It is therefore not necessary for a Special Exception Permit to be issued for this element of the public notice rule.