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Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants 45-day Provisional Variance to CMS Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company

Chicago - The Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a 45-day provisional variance to CMS Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company for its facility located in Pike County, Illinois. The provisional variance will allow CMS Panhandle to discharge hydrostatic test water resulting from a pressure test conducted on its recently repaired pipeline. Approximately 2,800,00 gallons of water will be discharged at a controlled rate through a hay bale and silt fence structure in order to minimize erosion and sedimentation.

This action, docketed as PCB 01-103, was taken by the Board upon notification by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that compliance with the requirements set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.141(b) and 309.102(a) would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on CMS Panhandle.

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