

The Pollution Control Board Welcomes Two New Members

The Illinois Pollution Control Board welcomes Doris C. Karpel and Lynne P. Padovan. The Senate confirmed the appointments of Karpel and Padovan to the Board on January 7, 2003. The experiences of Karpel and Padovan will enrich the Board in its mission to restore, protect, and enhance the environment for all Illinois citizens as it promulgates environmental regulations and standards; and adjudicates contested environmental cases. The Board looks forward to working with Board Members Karpel and Padovan.

Karpel brings a strong legislative background to the Board. Prior to coming to the Board, Karpel served in the Illinois Senate from 1984 until 2003, and the Illinois House of Representatives from 1979 until 1984. While in the Senate, Karpel served as Majority Caucus Chair. She also chaired the Executive committee and was a member of the Environment & Energy, Appropriations, and Education Committees. She was Illinois State Chairman of American Legislative Exchange Council and on the Task Force on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. As a lawmaker she worked with constituents on various environmental issues, including removing low-level radioactive waste from West Chicago and stopping a balefill in Bartlett. Karpel serves on the advisory boards for the Family Shelter of DuPage and the Department of Children And Family Services, Region 8. She is a member of the Chambers of Commerce for Roselle, Bloomingdale, Streamwood, St. Charles, Bartlett, and Winfield and also serves on the Roselle Historical Foundation. She has a BA in Political Science from Northern Illinois University. She has four children and six grandchildren. Karpel replaces Ron Flemal who retired in September 2002.

Padovan served as the Senior Advisor to Governor George H. Ryan for natural resources and the environment prior to joining the Board. She also chaired the Governor's Balanced Growth Cabinet and the Environment and Natural Resources Cabinet, co-chaired the Energy Cabinet, and was a Trustee of the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation. She has served as Executive Director of the Illinois Environmental Council, as a legislative liaison and public information officer for the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, and a public school instructor. Padovan served on the Charleston Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education for ten years—serving two terms as President and one as Secretary. She also served as Chair of the Illini Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards. Padovan holds a Post-graduate Degree in Administration from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, an MS and a BA from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. She lives in Charleston with her husband Ray, who is a professor of Physical Education at Eastern Illinois University and head coach of the men and women's swimming and diving teams since 1968. Padovan replaces Claire Manning who retired at the end of 2002.

Karpel's term on the Board runs through June 30, 2005, and Padovan's runs through June 30, 2004.