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Timothy Henry, Acting Director
Water Division
Attn. Illinois 303(d) List
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Preliminary Listing of Additional Waters To Be Included on Illinois' 2008 List of Impaired Waters Under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and Proposed Delisting of Boron Impairment for Segment E-26 of the Sangamon River (December 29, 2008) [FRL-8757-4]

Dear Mr. Henry:

Attached please find the comments of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding U.S. EPA, Region 5's October 22, 2008 partial disapproval of Illinois' 2008 303(d) List and U.S. EPA's proposed decision to amend Illinois' 2008 303(d) List as a result of these disapprovals.

Illinois EPA has serious objections to these determinations by U.S. EPA, Region 5, but we are optimistic these concerns can be resolved before U.S. EPA issues a final determination.

These comments are also being submitted electronically to Donna Keclik of your staff as indicated in the Federal Register notice. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Deborah J. Williams of our Division of Legal Counsel at 217/782-5544.

Sincerely,

Marcia T. Willhite
Chief
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Enclosure

Cc: Tinka Hyde, Director, Water Division, USEPA