



To: All Lake Michigan Permittees and Interested Parties

From: Daniel Injerd, Chief, Lake Michigan Management

Date: February 19, 2013

Subject: Proposed Changes to the Rules and Regulations for the Allocation of Water from Lake Michigan

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of the Department's intent to pursue changes to the Rules and Regulations for the Allocation of Water from Lake Michigan, Il Admin. Code, Title 17, Part 3730, and to provide all permittees and interested parties with an opportunity to review and provide comments to the Department on the proposed changes prior to taking any action with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, the legislative body which oversees state agency rulemaking. **The comment period will remain open until April 5, 2013.** All comments received prior to April 5th will be reviewed and considered in the development of the final draft to be submitted for approval. The Department will accept comments in both writing and via email (see names, contact info and addresses below).

Attached to this email is a copy of the full text of the Rules, with proposed changes outlined in red. Also, we've prepared a brief summary of the proposed Rule changes, a copy of which is also attached, to assist you in your review.

We recognize that these are significant changes to the water allocation program, and we need and value your input in the Rules revision process. Our goal continues to be for the Department's Lake Michigan water allocation program to complement your own efforts to promote the efficient use and management of Lake Michigan water.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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