

*Presented below are water quality standards that are in effect for Clean Water Act purposes.*

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## **Part 303 Water Use Designations and Site-Specific Water Quality Standards**

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The attached WQS document is in effect for Clean Water Act (CWA) purposes with the exception of the following provisions.

EPA disapproved the following on May 10, 2012:

- 35 Ill. Admin. Code 303.225(a) and (d) to the extent that these provisions removed the aspects of the General Use designation providing for recreation in and on the water for the Upper North Shore Channel from Wilmette Pumping Station to North Side Water Reclamation Plant and the Calumet River from Torrence Avenue to its confluence with Grand Calumet River and Little Calumet River. For these two segments, Illinois' General Use and bacteria criteria set forth at 35 Ill. Admin. Code 302.209 apply.
- 35 Ill. Admin. Code 303.227(a) to the extent that this provision removed the aspects of the General Use designation providing for recreation in and on the water for the Calumet River from Lake Michigan to Torrence Avenue. For this segment, Illinois' General Use and bacteria criteria set forth at 35 Ill. Admin. Code 302.209 apply.
- 35 Ill. Admin. Code 303.227(b) to the extent that this provision removed the aspects of the General Use designation providing for recreation in and on the water for the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal from its confluence with the Calumet-Sag Channel to its confluence with Des Plaines River and the Lower Des Plaines River from its confluence with Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to the Brandon Road Lock and Dam. EPA also disapproved Illinois' repeal of 35 Ill. Admin. Code 303.441(a) and (i) to the extent that the repeal removed the Secondary Contact Recreational Use designation for those two segments. Therefore, the applicable recreational use for those two segments is Secondary Contact Recreation Use.

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CHAPTER I: POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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## SUBPART A: GENERAL PROVISIONS

### **Section 303.100 Scope and Applicability**

- a) Part 303 contains water use designations which determine for a given body of water which set of Part 302 water quality standards applies. Part 303 also contains short site specific water quality standards. Part 302 contains water quality standards which are either applicable to more than one area or are lengthy.
- b) Unless the contrary is clearly indicated, all references to "Parts" or "Sections" are to Ill. Adm. Code, Title 35: Environmental Protection. For example, "Part 309" is 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309, and "Section 309.101" is 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.101.

(Editor's Note: Paragraph (b) was added during the codification process to clarify references to other Parts or Sections of the Illinois Administrative Code.)

### **Section 303.101 Multiple Designations**

Unless otherwise expressly stated, waters designated for specific uses must meet the most restrictive standards listed in Part 302 for any specified use, in addition to meeting the general standards of Subpart B, Part 302.

### **Section 303.102 Rulemaking Required (Repealed)**

(Source: Repealed at 35 Ill. Reg. 15078, effective August 23, 2011)

## **SUBPART B: NONSPECIFIC WATER USE DESIGNATIONS**

### **Section 303.200 Scope and Applicability**

Subpart B contains general water use designations. These Sections, together with the specific designations of Subpart C, determine which set of water quality standards of Part 302 applies to a given body of water.

### **Section 303.201 General Use Waters**

Except as otherwise specifically provided, all waters of the State must meet the general use standards of Subpart B of Part 302.

### **Section 303.202 Public and Food Processing Water Supplies**

Except as otherwise specifically provided and in addition to the general use standards of Subpart B, Part 302, waters of the State shall meet the public and food processing water supply standards of Subpart C, Part 302, at any point at which water is withdrawn for treatment and distribution as a potable supply or for food processing.

### **Section 303.203 Underground Waters**

35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.Subparts B and C do not apply to underground waters, except as provided at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.450(b).

(Source: Amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 14684, effective September 10, 1992)

### **Section 303.204 Chicago Area Waterway System and Lower Des Plaines River**

The Chicago Area Waterway System and Lower Des Plaines River Waters are designated to protect for primary contact recreation, incidental contact or non-contact recreational uses (except where designated as non-recreational waters), commercial activity (including navigation and industrial water supply uses), and the highest quality aquatic life and wildlife attainable, limited only by the physical condition of these waters and hydrologic modifications to these waters. Except for the Chicago River, these waters are required to meet the standards contained in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302, Subpart D, but are not required to meet the general use standards or the public and food processing water supply standards of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302, Subpart B and C, except that the waters designated as Primary Contact Recreation Waters in Section 303.220 must meet the numeric water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria applicable to protected waters in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.209. Designated recreational uses and aquatic life use for each segment of the Chicago Area Waterway System and Lower Des Plaines River are identified in this Subpart. The Chicago River must meet the general use standards, including the numeric water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria applicable to protected waters in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.209.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 9423, effective July 1, 2015)

### **Section 303.205 Outstanding Resource Waters**

An Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) is a surface water body or water body segment that is of exceptional ecological or recreational significance and must be designated by the Board pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.Subpart H.

- a) Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) shall be listed in Section 303.206 of this Part. In addition to all other applicable use designations and water quality standards contained in this Subtitle, an ORW is subject to the antidegradation provision of Section 302.105(b).
- b) A petition to designate a surface water body or water body segment as an ORW must be submitted to the Illinois Pollution Control Board pursuant to the procedural rules found in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.Subpart H.

(Source: Added at 26 Ill. Reg. 3517, effective February 22, 2002)

### **Section 303.206 List of Outstanding Resource Waters**

The Board has not designated any Outstanding Resource Waters pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.Subpart H.

(Source: Added at 26 Ill. Reg. 3517, effective February 22, 2002)

### **Section 303.220 Primary Contact Recreation Waters**

The following waters are designated as Primary Contact Recreation Waters and must be protected for Primary Contact Recreation uses as defined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301.323. These

waters must meet the numeric water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria applicable to protected waters in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.209.

- a) Lower North Shore Channel from North Side Water Reclamation Plant to confluence with North Branch of the Chicago River;
- b) North Branch of the Chicago River from its confluence with North Shore Channel to its confluence with South Branch of the Chicago River and Chicago River;
- c) Chicago River;

- d) South Branch of the Chicago River;
- e) Little Calumet River from its confluence with Calumet River and Grand Calumet River to its confluence with Cal-Sag Channel; and
- f) Cal-Sag Channel.

(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 5517, effective February 13, 2014)

### **Section 303.225 Incidental Contact Recreation Waters**

The following waters are designated as Incidental Contact Recreation Waters and must protect for incidental contact recreational uses as defined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301.282.

- a) Upper North Shore Channel from Wilmette Pumping Station to North Side Water Reclamation Plant;
- b) South Fork of the South Branch of the Chicago River (Bubbly Creek);
- c) Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal from its confluence with South Branch of the Chicago River to its confluence with Calumet-Sag Channel;
- d) Calumet River from Torrence Avenue to its confluence with Grand Calumet River and Little Calumet River;
- e) Lake Calumet;
- f) Lake Calumet Connecting Channel;
- g) Grand Calumet River;
- h) Lower Des Plaines River from the Brandon Road Lock and Dam to the Interstate 55 bridge.

(Source: Added at 35 Ill. Reg. 15078, effective August 23, 2011)

### **Section 303.227 Non-Contact Recreation Waters and Non-Recreational Waters**

- a) Non-Contact Recreation. Calumet River from Lake Michigan to Torrence Avenue is designated as a Non-Contact Recreation Water and must protect for non-contact recreational uses as defined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301.324.
- b) The following waters are designated as Non-Recreational waters as defined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301.324.



- 1) Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal from its confluence with the Calumet-Sag Channel to its confluence with Des Plaines River; and
- 2) Lower Des Plaines River from its confluence with Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to the Brandon Road Lock and Dam.

(Source: Added at 35 Ill. Reg. 15078, effective August 23, 2011)

### **Section 303.230 Upper Dresden Island Pool Aquatic Life Use Waters**

#### Upper Dresden Island Pool Aquatic Life Use Waters

- a) Lower Des Plaines River from the Brandon Road Lock and Dam to the Interstate 55 bridge is designated as the Upper Dresden Island Pool Aquatic Life Use. These waters are capable of maintaining, and shall have quality sufficient to protect, aquatic-life populations consisting of individuals of tolerant, intermediately tolerant, and intolerant types that are adaptive to the unique flow conditions necessary to maintain navigational use and upstream flood control functions of the waterway system. Such aquatic life may include, but is not limited to, largemouth bass, bluntnose minnow, channel catfish, orangespotted sunfish, smallmouth bass, shorthead redhorse, and spottail shiner.
- b) Upper Dresden Island Pool Aquatic Life Use Waters must meet the water quality standards of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302. Subpart D.

(Source: Added at 38 Ill. Reg. 5517, effective February 13, 2014)

### **Section 303.235 Chicago Area Waterway System Aquatic Life Use A Waters**

- a) Waters designated as Chicago Area Waterway System Aquatic Life Use A Waters are capable of maintaining, and shall have quality sufficient to protect, aquatic-life populations predominated by individuals of tolerant and intermediately tolerant types that are adaptive to the unique physical conditions, flow patterns, and operational controls necessary to maintain navigational use, flood control, and drainage functions of the waterway system. Such aquatic life may include, but is not limited to, fish species, such as channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, spotfin shiner, orangespotted sunfish, common carp, and goldfish.
- b) Waters designated as Chicago Area Waterway System Aquatic Life Use A Waters are not capable of attaining an aquatic life use consistent with the section 101(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act goal (33 USC 1251(a)(2)).

- c) The following waters are designated as Chicago Area Waterway System Aquatic Life Use A Waters and must meet the water quality standards of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302. Subpart D:
- 1) Upper North Shore Channel from Wilmette Pumping Station to North Side Water Reclamation Plant;
  - 2) Lower North Shore Channel from North Side Water Reclamation Plant to confluence with North Branch of the Chicago River;
  - 3) North Branch of the Chicago River from its confluence with North Shore Channel to its confluence with South Branch of the Chicago River and Chicago River;
  - 4) South Branch of the Chicago River;
  - 5) Calumet-Sag Channel;
  - 6) Calumet River from Lake Michigan to its confluence with Grand Calumet River and Little Calumet River;
  - 7) Little Calumet River from its confluence with Calumet River and Grand Calumet River to its confluence with Calumet-Sag Channel;
  - 8) Grand Calumet River;
  - 9) Lake Calumet; and
  - 10) Lake Calumet Connecting Channel.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 9423, effective July 1, 2015)

**Section 303.240 Chicago Area Waterway System and Brandon Pool Aquatic Life Use B Waters**

- a) Waters designated as Chicago Area Waterway System and Brandon Pool Aquatic Life Use B Waters are capable of maintaining, and shall have quality sufficient to protect, aquatic life populations predominated by individuals of tolerant types that are adaptive to unique physical conditions and modifications of long duration, including artificially constructed channels consisting of vertical sheet-pile, concrete and rip-rap walls designed to support commercial navigation, flood control, and drainage functions in deep-draft, steep-walled shipping channels. Such aquatic life

may include, but is not limited to, fish species, such as common carp, golden shiner, bluntnose minnow, yellow bullhead and green sunfish.

- b) Waters designated as Chicago Area Waterway System and Brandon Pool Aquatic Life Use B Waters are not capable of attaining an aquatic life use consistent with the section 101(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act goal (33 USC 1251(a)(2)).
- c) The following waters are designated as Chicago Area Waterway System and Brandon Pool Aquatic Life Use B Waters and must meet the water quality standards of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302. Subpart D:
  - 1) Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal; and
  - 2) Lower Des Plaines River from its confluence with Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to the Brandon Road Lock and Dam (Brandon Pool).

(Source: Added at 39 Ill. Reg. 9423, effective July 1, 2015)

## **SUBPART C: SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATIONS AND SITE SPECIFIC WATER QUALITY STANDARDS**

### **Section 303.300      Scope and Applicability**

Subpart C contains specific use designations which determine which set of water quality standards of Part 302 applies to a given water. In addition, Subpart C contains water quality standards applicable to specified waters. Nonspecific designations are in Subpart B.

### **Section 303.301      Organization**

Subpart C is arranged by river basin as follows:

<u>River Basin</u>	<u>Reserved Section Numbers</u>
Ohio	Section 303.310-Section 303.319
Wabash	Section 303.320-Section 303.329
Mississippi	
North	Section 303.330-Section 303.339
North Central	Section 303.340-Section 303.349
South Central	Section 303.350-Section 303.359
South	Section 303.360-Section 303.369
Rock	Section 303.370-Section 303.379
Kaskaskia	Section 303.380-Section 303.389

Big Muddy	Section 303.390-Section 303.399
Illinois	Section 303.400-Section 303.409
Sangamon	Section 303.410-Section 303.419
Kankakee	Section 303.420-Section 303.429
Fox	Section 303.430-Section 303.439
Des Plaines/Lake Michigan	Section 303.440-Section 303.449

**Section 303.311 Ohio River Temperature**

Instead of the standards of Section 302.211(e) the water temperature at representative locations in the main river of the Ohio River shall not exceed the maximum limits in the following table during more than 1% of the hours in the 12 month period ending with any month. Moreover, at no time shall the water temperature at such location exceed the maximum limits in the following table by more than 1.7° C (3°F).

	°C	°F		°C	°F
JAN.	10	50	JUL.	32	89
FEB.	10	50	AUG.	32	89
MAR.	16	60	SEPT.	31	87
APR.	21	70	OCT.	26	78
MAY	27	80	NOV.	21	70
JUN.	31	87	DEC.	14	57

**Section 303.312 Waters Receiving Fluorspar Mine Drainage (Repealed)**

(Source: Repealed at 36 Ill. Reg. 18898, effective December 12, 2012)

**Section 303.321 Wabash River Temperature**

Instead of the standards of Section 302.211(e), the water temperature at representative locations in the main river of the Wabash River and its interstate tributaries shall not exceed the maximum limits in the following table during more than 1% of the hours in the 12 month period ending with any month. Moreover, at no time shall the water temperature at such locations exceed the maximum limits in the following table by more than 1.7° C (3°F).

	°C	°F		°C	°F
JAN.	10	50	JUL.	32	90
FEB.	10	50	AUG.	32	90
MAR.	16	60	SEPT.	32	90
APR.	21	70	OCT.	26	78
MAY	27	80	NOV.	21	70

**Section 303.322 Unnamed Tributary of the Vermilion River**

The fluoride standard of Sec. 302.208 shall not apply to waters of the State which are located from the point of a discharge from the foundry located at the intersection of Interstate 74 and G Street in Danville, Illinois, owned by General Motors Corporation on January 31, 1995, to an unnamed tributary of the Vermilion River, said point being located 3900 feet south of the Vermilion River, 1900 feet north of I-74, at 40° 6'35" north latitude and 87° 69'52" west longitude, to the confluence of said unnamed tributary with the Vermilion River; and from there downstream to a point 0.9 river miles downstream of the juncture at the crossing of a Norfolk and Western Railroad bridge. Fluoride levels in such waters as caused by the discharge from the foundry facility shall meet a water quality standard for fluoride (Storet Number 00950) of 10 mg/l.

(Source: Amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 1310, effective January 30, 1995)

**Section 303.323 Sugar Creek and Its Unnamed Tributary**

- a) This Section applies only to Sugar Creek and its unnamed tributary from the point at which Marathon Oil Company's outfall 001 discharges into the unnamed tributary to the confluence of Sugar Creek and the Wabash River.
- b) Section 304.105 shall not apply to total dissolved solids and chlorides discharged by Marathon Oil Company's outfall 001, so long as both of the following conditions are met:
  - 1) Effluent from Marathon Oil Company's outfall 001 does not exceed either 3,000 mg/L total dissolved solids or 1,000 mg/L chlorides, and
  - 2) The water in the unnamed tributary does not exceed 2,000 mg/L total dissolved solids or 750 mg/L chlorides.

(Source: Amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 13457, effective August 19, 1994)

**Section 303.326 Unnamed Tributary of Salt Creek, Salt Creek, and Little Wabash River**

The fluoride general use water quality standard of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(g) does not apply to the waters of the State that are located from the point of discharge of the POTW located at 903 E. Eichie Avenue in Effingham, Illinois, owned by the City of Effingham, to an unnamed tributary of Salt Creek, said point being located in Effingham County,

T8N, R6E, Sec. 28, Lat: 39°06'24", Long: 88°31'55", to the confluence of said unnamed tributary with Salt Creek; to the confluence of Salt Creek with the Little Wabash River; to the confluence of Buck Creek and the Little Wabash River. Fluoride levels in such waters must meet a water quality standard for fluoride (STORET Number 00951) as set forth in this Section.

- a) From the point of discharge of the City of Effingham POTW to the unnamed tributary to the confluence of the unnamed tributary with Salt Creek and from the confluence of the unnamed tributary with Salt Creek to the confluence of Salt Creek with the Little Wabash River, the fluoride water quality standard is 5.0 mg/L.
- b) From the confluence of Salt Creek with the Little Wabash River to monitoring station C-19 located on the Little Wabash River approximately 2.8 miles downstream of Louisville, Illinois, the fluoride water quality standard is 3.2 mg/L.
- c) From monitoring station C-19 located on a point on the Little Wabash River approximately 2.8 miles downstream of Louisville, Illinois to the confluence of Buck Creek and the Little Wabash River, a point on the Little Wabash River located approximately 9.8 miles downstream of Louisville, Illinois, the fluoride water quality standard is 2.0 mg/L.

(Source: Added at 28 Ill. Reg 3071, effective February 4, 2004)

**Section 303.331 Mississippi River North Temperature**

Instead of the standards of Section 302.211(e) the water temperature at representative locations in the main river of the Mississippi River from the Wisconsin border to the Rock River shall not exceed the maximum limits in the following table during more than 1% of the hours in the 12 month period ending with any month. Moreover, at no time shall the water temperature at such locations exceed the maximum limits in the following table by more than 1.7° C (3° F).

	°C	°F		°C	°F
JAN.	7	45	JUL.	30	86
FEB.	7	45	AUG.	30	86
MAR.	14	57	SEPT.	29	85
APR.	20	68	OCT.	24	75
MAY	26	78	NOV.	18	65
JUN.	29	85	DEC.	11	52

**Section 303.341 Mississippi River North Central Temperature**

Instead of the standards of Section 302.211(e), the water temperature at representative locations in the main river of the Mississippi River in the indicated locations shall not exceed the maximum limits in the following tables during more than 1% of the hours in the twelve month period ending with any month. Moreover, at no time shall the water temperature at such locations exceed the maximum limits in the following table by more than 1.7° C (3° F).

- a) In the Mississippi River from the Rock River to the Iowa/Missouri border:

	°C	°F		°C	°F
JAN.	7	45	JUL.	30	86
FEB.	7	45	AUG.	30	86
MAR.	14	57	SEPT.	29	85
APR.	20	68	OCT.	24	75
MAY	26	78	NOV.	18	65
JUN.	29	85	DEC.	11	52

- b) In the Mississippi River from the Iowa/Missouri border to the Illinois River:

	°C	°F		°C	°F
JAN.	7	45	JUL.	31	88
FEB.	7	45	AUG.	31	88
MAR.	14	57	SEPT.	29	86
APR.	20	68	OCT.	24	75
MAY	26	78	NOV.	18	65
JUN.	30	86	DEC.	11	52

**Section 303.351 Mississippi River South Central Temperature**

Instead of the standards of Section 302.211(e), the water temperature at representative locations in the main river of the Mississippi River in the indicated locations shall not exceed the maximum limits in the following tables during more than 1% of the hours in the twelve month period ending with any month. Moreover, at no time shall the water temperature at such locations exceed the maximum limits in the following table by more than 1.7° C (3° F).

- a) In the Mississippi River from the Illinois River to Alton Lock and Dam:

	°C	°F		°C	°F
JAN.	7	45	JUL.	31	88
FEB.	7	45	AUG.	31	88
MAR.	14	57	SEPT.	29	86
APR.	20	68	OCT.	24	75
MAY	26	78	NOV.	18	65
JUN.	30	86	DEC.	11	52

- b) In the Mississippi River from Alton Lock and Dam to the Kaskaskia River:

	°C	°F		°C	°F
JAN.	10	50	JUL.	32	89
FEB.	10	50	AUG.	32	89
MAR.	16	60	SEPT.	31	87
APR.	21	70	OCT.	26	78
MAY	27	80	NOV.	21	70
JUN.	31	87	DEC.	14	57

**Section 303.352 Unnamed Tributary of Wood River Creek**



- a) This section applies to the unnamed tributary of Wood River Creek which enters Wood River Creek 4700 feet above the confluence of Wood River Creek with the Mississippi River from a point 450 feet above the confluence of the unnamed tributary and Wood River Creek to said confluence, and in Wood River Creek from said confluence to the confluence of Wood River Creek and the Mississippi River.
- b) Such waters shall meet the following standard instead of the boron standard of Section 302.208:

CONSTITUENT	STORET NUMBER	CONCENTRATION mg/l
Boron	-----	15

(Source: Added at 2 Ill. Reg. no. 27, p. 221, effective July 5, 1978.)

**Section 303.353 Schoenberger Creek; Unnamed Tributary of Cahokia Canal**

- a) This rule shall apply to:
  - 1) The final 1500 feet of Schoenberger Creek starting immediately south of the Baltimore and Ohio main tracks and running north to an unnamed tributary of the Cahokia Canal; and
  - 2) The unnamed tributary from its confluence with Schoenberger Creek as it runs west and northwest for a distance of 8000 feet to its confluence with the Cahokia Canal.
- b) The standard of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208 for the parameter listed below does not apply to these waters. Instead, the following level shall not be exceeded:

Constituent	Storet Number	Concentration (mg/l)
Iron (total)	01045	20

(Source: Added at 7 Ill. Reg. 8111, effective June 23, 1983)

**Section 303.361 Mississippi River South Temperature**

Instead of the standards of Section 302.211(e), the water temperature at representative locations in the main river of the Mississippi River from the Kaskaskia River to the Ohio River shall not exceed the maximum limits in the following table during more than 1% of the hours in the 12 month period ending with any month. Moreover, at no time shall the

water temperature at such locations exceed the maximum limits in the following table by more than 1.7° C (3° F).

	°C	°F		°C	°F
JAN.	10	50	JUL.	32	89
FEB.	10	50	AUG.	32	89
MAR.	16	60	SEPT.	31	87
APR.	21	70	OCT.	26	78
MAY	27	80	NOV.	21	70
JUN.	31	87	DEC.	14	57

**Section 303.400 Bankline Disposal Along the Illinois Waterway/River**

- a) The U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, may bankline dispose of sediment generated during maintenance dredging operations on the Illinois Waterway/River between river miles 80.2 and 291 if:
  - 1) Less than 10% of representative samples from a proposed dredge cut are composed of fine-grained material, where a material is fine-grained if more than 20% of the sample passes a #230 sieve; or
  - 2) The SSTFATE model indicates that applicable water quality standards will be met at the perimeter of a temporary area of allowed dilution having a surface area no larger than 48,000 square feet, and not exceeding either 1,000 feet in length or 150 feet in width; and
  - 3) The U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, holds a Water Quality Certification for its dredging operations from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1341 (1988).
  
- b) When the provisions of subsection (a) are met, Section 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.105 (prohibition against causing a violation of any applicable water quality standard), shall not apply to bankline disposal by the U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, but only as 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.105 pertains to the offensive conditions standard of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203, the dissolved oxygen standard of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.206, the total lead, total zinc, mercury, and total copper standards of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208, and the ammonia nitrogen and un-ionized ammonia nitrogen standards of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.212.

(Source: Added at 18 Ill. Reg. 2981, effective February 14, 1994)

### **Section 303.410 Chronic Nickel Water Quality Standard for Segment of the Sangamon River**

The general use chronic water quality standard for dissolved nickel contained in Section 302.208(e) shall not apply to the segment of the Sangamon River that receives discharges from the Sanitary District of Decatur's Main Sewage Treatment Plant, from that facility's Outfall 001 located at 39° 49' 56" North Latitude, 89° 0' 7" West Longitude, to the point of the confluence of the Sangamon River with the South Fork of the Sangamon River near Riverton. Instead, waters in this segment of the Sangamon River must meet a chronic water quality standard for dissolved nickel as follows:

$$\text{Chronic Dissolved Nickel Standard } (\mu\text{g/L}) = \exp[A+B\ln(H)] \times 0.997^* \times \text{WER}$$

where:

$$A = -2.286,$$

$$B = 0.8460,$$

$\ln(H)$  = natural logarithm of Hardness, and

$$\text{WER (Water Effect Ratio)} = 2.50.$$

\* conversion factor multiplier for dissolved metals

(Source: Added at 42 Ill. Reg. 20947, effective November 19, 2018)

### **Section 303.430 Unnamed Tributary to Dutch Creek**

The general use water quality standard for fluoride contained in Section 302.208 shall not apply to the unnamed tributary of Dutch Creek which receives discharges from the manufacturing facility located on Ringwood Drive in Ringwood in McHenry County from the outfall of that facility for a distance of 1200 yards downstream. Instead this water shall comply with a fluoride standard of 5.6 mg/l not to be exceeded at any time.

(Source: Added at 14 Ill. Reg. 9460, effective May 31, 1990)

### **Section 303.431 Long Point Slough and Its Unnamed Tributary**

The general use water quality standards for total dissolved solids and for chloride contained in Section 302.208 shall not apply to Long Point Slough and its unnamed tributary, which receive discharges from the Illiopolis, Illinois facility of Borden Chemicals and Plastics Operating Limited Partnership, from the outfall of that facility to

the point of the confluence of the unnamed tributary downstream with the Sangamon River. Instead this water shall comply with a total dissolved solids standard of 3,000 mg/l and a chloride standard of 900 mg/l.

(Source: Added at 14 Ill. Reg. 20724, effective December 18, 1990)

**Section 303.441 Secondary Contact Waters (Repealed)**

(Source: Repealed at 35 Ill. Reg. 15078, effective August 23, 2011)

**Section 303.442 Waters Not Designated for Public Water Supply**

The following waters are not required to meet the public and food processing water supply standards of Subpart C, Part 302, even where designated as general use waters:

- a) The Chicago River
- b) The Little Calumet River.

**Section 303.443 Lake Michigan Basin**

The waters of the Lake Michigan Basin must meet the Lake Michigan Basin water quality standards of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302 Subpart E. Lake Michigan Basin waters under Illinois jurisdiction consist of the following:

- a) The Open waters of Lake Michigan means all of the waters within Lake Michigan in Illinois jurisdiction lakeward from a line drawn across the mouth of tributaries to Lake Michigan, but not including waters enclosed by constructed breakwaters;
- b) Lake Michigan harbors and waters within breakwaters, and waters (as defined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301.440) within Illinois jurisdiction tributary to Lake Michigan including streams, sloughs and other watercourses not named elsewhere in this Part; and
- c) The Chicago River, the North Shore Channel, and the Calumet River are not part of the Lake Michigan Basin.

(Source: Amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 1403, effective December 24, 1997.)

**Section 303.444 Salt Creek, Higgins Creek, West Branch of the DuPage River, Des Plaines River**

The General Use chronic water quality standard for cyanide (STORET number 00718) contained in Section 302.208 does not apply to Salt Creek, Higgins Creek, the West

Branch of the DuPage River, and the Des Plaines River in Cook County, Illinois. Instead, for these waters the chronic cyanide standard is 10 µg/L.

(Source: Amended at 20 Ill. Reg.3534, effective February 8, 1996.)

**Section 303.445 Total Dissolved Solids Water Quality Standard for the Lower Des Plaines River**

- a) Beginning November 1 and continuing through April 30 of each year, the total dissolved solids (TDS) water quality standard for Secondary Contact and Indigenous Aquatic Life Use waters in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.407 does not apply to the portion of the Des Plaines River from the ExxonMobil refinery wastewater treatment plant discharge point located at Interstate 55 and Arsenal Road (said point being located in Will County, T34N, R9E, S15, Latitude: 41°, 25', 20" North, Longitude: 88°, 11', 20" West) and continuing to the Interstate 55 bridge. TDS levels in these waters must instead meet a water quality standard for TDS (STORET Number 70300) of 1,686 mg/L.
- b) Beginning November 1 and continuing through April 30 of each year, the TDS water quality standard for General Use Waters in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208 does not apply to the Des Plaines River from the Interstate 55 bridge to the confluence of the Des Plaines River with the Kankakee River. TDS levels in these waters must instead meet a water quality standard for TDS (STORET Number 70300) of 1,686 mg/L.

Source: Added at 31 Ill. Reg. 4440, effective February 27, 2007)

**Section 303.446 Boron Water Quality Standard for Segments of the Sangamon River and the Illinois River**

The general use water quality standard for boron set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(g) shall not apply to segments of the Sangamon River and the Illinois River (described below) that receive discharge from Outfall 007 of the Spring Creek Sewage Treatment Plant located at 3017 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois, owned by the Springfield Metro Sanitary District. Boron levels in those river segments must meet the following water quality standards for boron:

- a) 11.0 mg/L in the Sangamon River from Outfall 007 (Latitude: 39° 51' 37.234" North, Longitude: 89° 38' 30.082" West) to 182 yards downstream from the confluence of Spring Creek with the Sangamon River (Latitude: 39° 51' 42.595" North, Longitude: 89° 38' 30.089" West);

- b) 4.5 mg/L in the Sangamon River from 182 yards downstream of the confluence of Spring Creek with the Sangamon River (Latitude: 39° 51' 42.595" North, Longitude: 89° 38' 30.089" West) to the confluence of Salt Creek with the Sangamon River (Latitude: 40° 7' 33.009" North, Longitude: 89° 49' 40.224" West), a distance of 39.0 river miles;
- c) 1.6 mg/L in the Sangamon River from the confluence of Salt Creek with the Sangamon River (Latitude: 40° 7' 33.009" North, Longitude: 89° 49' 40.224" West) to the confluence of the Sangamon River with the Illinois River (Latitude: 40° 1' 20.995" North, Longitude: 90° 25' 59.451" West), a distance of 36.1 river miles; and
- d) 1.3 mg/L in the Illinois River from the confluence of the Illinois River with the Sangamon River (Latitude: 40° 1' 20.995" North, Longitude: 90° 25' 59.451" West) to 100 yards downstream of the confluence of the Illinois River with the Sangamon River (Latitude: 40° 1' 20.197" North, Longitude: 90° 26' 3.205" West).

(Source: Added at 33 Ill. Reg. 7903, effective May 29, 2009.)

#### **Section 303.447 Unnamed Tributary of the South Branch Edwards River and South Branch Edwards River**

The general use water quality standard for boron at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(g) does not apply to the waters of the State that are located from the point of discharge of the publicly owned treatment works located at 523 NE 9th Street in Galva, known as the Galva Northeast Sewage Treatment Plant, to an unnamed tributary of the South Branch of the Edwards River (the discharge point being located in Henry County, Township 14 North, Range 4 East, occupying portions of Sections 21, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35 in the Fourth Principal Meridian, Latitude N 41.175°, Longitude: W 90.035°) to the confluence of unnamed tributary with the South Branch Edwards River; to the confluence with the Edwards River. Boron levels in these waters must meet a water quality standard for boron of 3.0 mg/L.

(Source: Added at 33 Ill. Reg.12258, effective August 11, 2009)

#### **Section 303.448 Mud Run Creek**

The general use water quality standard for boron set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(g) does not apply to the waters of the State that are located from the point of discharge of the publicly owned treatment works located at ½ mile South of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and SW 4th Street in Galva, known as the Galva Southwest Sewage Treatment Plant, to Mud Run Creek (the point is located in Henry County, Township 14 North, Range 4 East, occupying portions of Sections 21, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35 of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Latitude: N 41.154°, Longitude W.

90.053°) to the confluence of Mud Run Creek with Walnut Creek. Boron levels in these waters must meet a water quality standard for boron of 3.0 mg/L.

(Source: Added at 33 Ill. Reg.12258, effective August 11, 2009)

### **Section 303.449 Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal**

The numeric water quality standards for chloride and Total Dissolved Solids set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.407(g) do not apply to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal during the period of December 1 through April 30. Chloride levels in these waters must meet the numeric water quality standards for the protection of aquatic organisms of 620 mg/L as a chronic water quality standard and 990 mg/L as an acute water quality standard for chloride during the period of December 1 through April 30.

(Source: Added at 39 Ill. Reg. 9423, effective July 1, 2015)

## **SUBPART D: THERMAL DISCHARGES**

### **Section 303.500 Scope and Applicability**

Subpart D contains site specific water quality based thermal discharge standards. These are now determined without rulemaking pursuant to Section 302.211 and Part 106 of Subtitle A.

(Note: Prior to codification, Part VI of Ch 1: Procedural Rules.)

### **Section 303.502 Lake Sangchris Thermal Discharges**

The thermal discharge to Lake Sangchris shall meet the following standards and conditions: The effluent temperature shall not exceed 37° C (99° F) during more than seven (7) percent of the hours in the 12 month period ending with any month and shall at no time exceed 44° C (111° F).

## **APPENDIX A REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS RULES**

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