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AN ACT in relation to environmental protection.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,represented in the General Assembly:

ARTICLE I. Recommendations of the Illinois
Environmental Regulatory Review Commission.

6 Section 10. The Environmental Protection Act is amended 7 by changing Sections 4, 5, 22.2, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 42, 8 and 45 and adding Section 28.6 as follows:

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(415 ILCS 5/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1004)

Sec. 4. Environmental Protection Agency; establishment;
duties.

12 (a) There is established in the Executive Branch of the State Government an agency to be known as the Environmental 13 14 Protection Agency. This Agency shall be under the 15 supervision and direction of a Director who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the 16 17 Senate. The term of office of the Director shall expire on the third Monday of January in odd numbered years, provided 18 that he or she shall hold office until a successor is 19 appointed and has qualified. The Director shall receive an 20 21 annual salary as set by the Governor from time to time or as set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater. 22 If set by the Governor, the Director's annual salary may not 23 exceed 85% of the Governor's annual salary. The Director, in 24 accord with the Personnel Code, shall employ and direct such 25 26 personnel, and shall provide for such laboratory and other facilities, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of 27 this Act. In addition, the Director may by agreement secure 28 such services as he or she may deem necessary from any other 29 30 department, agency, or unit of the State Government, and may employ and compensate such consultants and technical
 assistants as may be required.

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(b) The Agency shall have the duty to collect and 3 4 disseminate such information, acquire such technical data, 5 and conduct such experiments as may be required to carry out б the purposes of this Act, including ascertainment of the 7 quantity and nature of discharges from any contaminant source 8 and data on those sources, and to operate and arrange for the 9 operation of devices for the monitoring of environmental 10 quality.

11 (c) The Agency shall have authority to conduct a program 12 of continuing surveillance and of regular or periodic 13 inspection of actual or potential contaminant or noise 14 sources, of public water supplies, and of refuse disposal 15 sites.

16 (d) In accordance with constitutional limitations, the
17 Agency shall have authority to enter at all reasonable times
18 upon any private or public property for the purpose of:

19 (1) Inspecting and investigating to ascertain 20 possible violations of <u>this Act</u>, any <u>rule or regulation</u> 21 <u>adopted under this Act</u>, any <u>permit or term or condition</u> 22 <u>of a permit</u>, <u>or any Board order</u>; <u>or</u> the-Act-or-of 23 regulations--thereunder,--or--of--permits--or--terms---or 24 conditions-thereof;-or

(2) In accordance with the provisions of this Act,
taking whatever preventive or corrective action,
including but not limited to removal or remedial action,
that is necessary or appropriate whenever there is a
release or a substantial threat of a release of (A) a
hazardous substance or pesticide or (B) petroleum from an
underground storage tank.

32 (e) The Agency shall have the duty to investigate
33 violations of this <u>Act, any rule or regulation adopted under</u>
34 <u>this Act, any permit or term or condition of a permit, or any</u>

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Board order; Act-or-of-regulations-adopted-thereunder,-or-of permits--or--terms---or-conditions---thereof, to issue administrative citations as provided in Section 31.1 of this Act<u>i</u>, and to take such summary enforcement action as is provided for by Section 34 of this Act.

6 (f) The Agency shall appear before the Board in any 7 hearing upon a petition for variance, the denial of a permit, 8 or the validity or effect of a rule or regulation of the 9 Board, and shall have the authority to appear before the 10 Board in any hearing under the Act.

11 (q) The Agency shall have the duty to administer, in Х of this Act, such permit and 12 accord with Title certification systems as may be established by this Act or by 13 regulations adopted thereunder. The Agency may enter into 14 15 written delegation agreements with any department, agency, or 16 unit of State or local government under which all or portions of this duty may be delegated for public water supply storage 17 transport systems, sewage collection and transport 18 and systems, air pollution control sources with uncontrolled 19 20 emissions of 100 tons per year or less and application of 21 algicides to waters of the State. Such delegation agreements 22 will require that the work to be performed thereunder will be 23 in accordance with Agency criteria, subject to Agency review, and shall include such financial and program auditing by the 24 25 Agency as may be required.

(h) The Agency shall have authority to require the 26 27 submission of complete plans and specifications from any applicant for a permit required by this Act or by regulations 28 29 thereunder, and to require the submission of such reports 30 regarding actual or potential violations of this Act, any 31 rule or regulation adopted under this Act, any permit or term or condition of a permit, or any Board order the-Act-or-of 32 33 regulations-thereunder,-or-of-permits-or-terms-or--conditions 34 thereof, as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

1 (i) The Agency shall have authority to make 2 recommendations to the Board for the adoption of regulations 3 under Title VII of the Act.

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4 (j) The Agency shall have the duty to represent the 5 State of Illinois in any and all matters pertaining to plans, 6 procedures, or negotiations for interstate compacts or other 7 governmental arrangements relating to environmental 8 protection.

9 The Agency shall have the authority to accept, (k) receive, and administer on behalf of the State any grants, 10 11 gifts, loans, indirect cost reimbursements, or other funds 12 made available to the State from any source for purposes of this Act or for air or water pollution control, public water 13 supply, solid waste disposal, noise abatement, or other 14 15 environmental protection activities, surveys, or programs. 16 Any federal funds received by the Agency pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in a trust fund with the State 17 18 Treasurer and held and disbursed by him in accordance with 19 Treasurer as Custodian of Funds Act, provided that such monies shall be used only for the purposes for which they are 20 21 contributed and any balance remaining shall be returned to 22 the contributor.

The Agency is authorized to promulgate such regulations and enter into such contracts as it may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this subsection.

(1) The Agency is hereby designated as water pollution 26 agency for the state for all purposes of the Federal Water 27 Pollution Control Act, as amended; as implementing agency for 28 29 the State for all purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 30 Public Law 93-523, as now or hereafter amended, except Section 1425 of that Act; as air pollution agency for the 31 32 state for all purposes of the Clean Air Act of 1970, Public Law 91-604, approved December 31, 1970, as amended; and as 33 solid waste agency for the state for all purposes of the 34

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1 Solid Waste Disposal Act, Public Law 89-272, approved October 2 20, 1965, and amended by the Resource Recovery Act of 1970, Public Law 91-512, approved October 26, 1970, as amended, and 3 4 amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 5 1976, (P.L. 94-580) approved October 21, 1976, as amended; as 6 noise control agency for the state for all purposes of the 7 Noise Control Act of 1972, Public Law 92-574, approved October 27, 1972, as amended; and as implementing agency 8 for 9 the State for all purposes of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (P.L. 10 11 96-510), as amended; and otherwise as pollution control agency for the State pursuant to federal laws integrated with 12 the foregoing laws, for financing purposes or otherwise. 13 The Agency is hereby authorized to take all action necessary or 14 appropriate to secure to the State the benefits of such 15 16 federal Acts, provided that the Agency shall transmit to the United States without change any standards adopted by the 17 Pollution Control Board pursuant to Section 5(c) of this Act. 18 19 This subsection (1) of Section 4 shall not be construed to bar or prohibit the Environmental Protection Trust Fund 20 21 Commission from accepting, receiving, and administering on behalf of the State any grants, gifts, loans or other funds 22 23 which the Commission is eligible pursuant to for the Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act. 24 The Agency is 25 hereby designated as the State agency for all purposes of administering the requirements of Section 313 of the federal 26 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986. 27

Any municipality, sanitary district, or other political subdivision, or any Agency of the State or interstate Agency, which makes application for loans or grants under such federal Acts shall notify the Agency of such application; the Agency may participate in proceedings under such federal Acts.

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(m) The Agency shall have authority, consistent with

1 Section 5(c) and other provisions of this Act, and for 2 purposes of Section 303(e) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as now or hereafter amended, to engage in 3 4 planning processes and activities and to develop plans in 5 cooperation with units of local government, state agencies б and officers, and other appropriate persons in connection 7 with the jurisdiction or duties of each such unit, agency, 8 officer or person. Public hearings shall be held on the 9 planning process, at which any person shall be permitted to appear and be heard, pursuant to procedural regulations 10 11 promulgated by the Agency.

In accordance with the powers conferred upon the 12 (n) Agency by Sections 10(g), 13(b), 19, 22(d) and 13 25 of this Act, the Agency shall have authority to establish and enforce 14 minimum standards for the operation of laboratories relating 15 16 to analyses and laboratory tests for air pollution, water pollution, noise emissions, contaminant discharges onto land 17 18 and sanitary, chemical, and mineral quality water of 19 distributed by a public water supply. The Agency may enter 20 into formal working agreements with other departments or 21 agencies of state government under which all or portions of 22 this authority may be delegated to the cooperating department 23 or agency.

(o) The Agency shall have the authority to 24 issue 25 certificates of competency to persons and laboratories meeting the minimum standards established by the Agency in 26 accordance with Section 4(n) of this Act and to promulgate 27 and enforce regulations relevant to the issuance and use of 28 29 such certificates. The Agency may enter into formal working 30 agreements with other departments or agencies of state government under which all or portions of this authority may 31 32 be delegated to the cooperating department or agency.

33 (p) Except as provided in Section 17.7, the Agency shall34 have the duty to analyze samples as required from each public

1 water supply to determine compliance with the contaminant 2 levels specified by the Pollution Control Board. The maximum number of samples which the Agency shall be required to 3 4 analyze for microbiological quality shall be 6 per month, but 5 the Agency may, at its option, analyze a larger number each 6 month for any supply. Results of sample analyses for 7 additional required bacteriological testing, turbidity, residual chlorine and radionuclides are to be provided to the 8 9 Agency in accordance with Section 19. Owners of water supplies may enter into agreements with the Agency to provide 10 11 for reduced Agency participation in sample analyses.

(q) The Agency shall have the authority to provide 12 notice to any person who may be liable pursuant to Section 13 22.2(f) of this Act for a release or a substantial threat 14 of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide. Such notice 15 16 shall include the identified response action and an opportunity for such person to perform the response action. 17

The Agency may enter into written delegation 18 (r) 19 agreements with any unit of local government under which it may delegate all or portions of its inspecting, investigating 20 21 and enforcement functions. Such delegation agreements shall 22 require that work performed thereunder be in accordance with 23 criteria and subject to Agency Agency review. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, 24 25 no unit of local government shall be liable for any injury resulting from the exercise of its authority pursuant to such 26 27 a delegation agreement unless the injury is proximately caused by the willful and wanton negligence of an agent 28 or 29 employee of the unit of local government, and any policy of 30 insurance coverage issued to a unit of local government may provide for the denial of liability and the nonpayment of 31 32 claims based upon injuries for which the unit of local government is not liable pursuant to this subsection (r). 33 34

The Agency shall have authority to take whatever (s)

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1 preventive or corrective action is necessary or appropriate, 2 including but not limited to expenditure of monies appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund and the Build 3 4 Illinois Purposes Fund for removal or remedial action, 5 whenever any hazardous substance or pesticide is released or 6 there is a substantial threat of such a release into the environment. The State, the Director, and any State employee 7 shall be indemnified for any damages or injury arising out of 8 9 or resulting from any action taken under this subsection. The Director of the Agency is authorized to enter into such 10 11 contracts and agreements as are necessary to carry out the Agency's duties under this subsection. 12

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The Agency shall have authority to 13 (t) distribute grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, for 14 15 financing and construction of municipal wastewater 16 facilities. With respect to all monies appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund and the Build Illinois Purposes Fund 17 for wastewater facility grants, the Agency shall 18 make 19 distributions in conformity with the rules and regulations established pursuant to the Anti-Pollution Bond Act, as now 20 21 or hereafter amended.

(u) Pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure
Act, the Agency shall have the authority to adopt such rules
as are necessary or appropriate for the Agency to implement
Section 31.1 of this Act.

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(w) Neither the State, nor the Director, nor the Board, nor any State employee shall be liable for any damages or injury arising out of or resulting from any action taken under subsection (s).

31 (x)(1) The Agency shall have authority to distribute
32 grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly,
33 to units of local government for financing and
34 construction of public water supply facilities. With

1 respect to all monies appropriated from the Build 2 Illinois Bond Fund or the Build Illinois Purposes Fund 3 for public water supply grants, such grants shall be made 4 in accordance with rules promulgated by the Agency. Such 5 rules shall include a requirement for a local match of 6 30% of the total project cost for projects funded through 7 such grants.

8 (2) The Agency shall not terminate a grant to a 9 unit local government for the of financing and construction of public water supply facilities unless and 10 11 until the Agency adopts rules that set forth precise and complete standards, pursuant to Section 5-20 of the 12 Administrative Procedure 13 Illinois Act, for the termination of such grants. The Agency shall not make 14 determinations on whether specific grant conditions are 15 16 necessary to ensure the integrity of a project or on whether subagreements shall be awarded, with respect to 17 grants for the financing and construction of public water 18 supply facilities, unless and until the Agency adopts 19 rules that set forth precise and complete standards, 20 21 pursuant to Section 5-20 of the Illinois Administrative 22 Procedure Act, for making such determinations. The 23 Agency shall not issue a stop-work order in relation to such grants unless and until the Agency adopts precise 24 25 and complete standards, pursuant to Section 5-20 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, for determining 26 27 whether to issue a stop-work order.

(y) The Agency shall have authority to release any person from further responsibility for preventive or corrective action under this Act following successful completion of preventive or corrective action undertaken by such person upon written request by the person.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-25, eff. 6-9-99; 92-574, eff. 6-26-02.)

1 2 (415 ILCS 5/5) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1005) Sec. 5. Pollution Control Board.

3 (a) There is hereby created an independent board to be 4 known as the Pollution Control Board, consisting of 7 5 technically qualified members, no more than 4 of whom may be 6 of the same political party, to be appointed by the Governor 7 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

All members shall hold office for 3 years from the first 8 9 day of July in the year in which they were appointed, except in case of an appointment to fill a vacancy. In case of 10 а 11 vacancy in the office when the Senate is not in session, the Governor may make a temporary appointment until the next 12 meeting of the Senate, when he or she shall nominate some 13 person to fill such office; and any person so nominated, who 14 15 is confirmed by the Senate, shall hold the office during the 16 remainder of the term.

Members of the Board shall hold office until their 17 respective successors have been appointed and qualified. Any 18 19 member may resign from office, such resignation to take effect when a successor has been appointed and has qualified. 20 21 Board members shall be paid \$37,000 per year or an amount 22 set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater, 23 and the Chairman shall be paid \$43,000 per year or an amount set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater. 24 25 Each member shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred, shall devote full time to the performance of his or 26 her duties and shall make a financial disclosure upon 27 Each Board member may employ one secretary and 28 appointment. 29 one assistant, and the Chairman one secretary and 2 30 assistants. The Board also may employ and compensate hearing 31 officers to preside at hearings under this Act, and such other personnel as may be necessary. Hearing officers shall 32 be attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois. 33

34 The Governor shall designate one Board member to be

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1 Chairman, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

2 The Board shall hold at least one meeting each month and such additional meetings as may be prescribed by Board rules. 3 4 In addition, special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by any 2 Board members, upon delivery of 24 hours written 5 б notice to the office of each member. All Board meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of 7 all meetings shall be given at least 24 hours in advance of each 8 9 meeting. In emergency situations in which a majority of the Board certifies that exigencies of time require the 10 11 requirements of public notice and of 24 hour written notice to members may be dispensed with, and Board members shall 12 receive such notice as is reasonable under the circumstances. 13 Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, 14 and 15 4 votes shall be required for any final determination by the 16 Board, except in a proceeding to remove a seal under paragraph (d) of Section 34 of this Act. 17 The Board shall keep a complete and accurate record of all its meetings. 18

(b) The Board shall determine, define and implement the
environmental control standards applicable in the State of
Illinois and may adopt rules and regulations in accordance
with Title VII of this Act.

23 The Board shall have authority to act for the State (C) in regard to the adoption of standards for submission to the 24 25 United States under any federal law respecting environmental protection. Such standards shall be adopted in accordance 26 with Title VII of the Act and upon adoption shall be 27 Environmental Protection Agency for 28 forwarded to the 29 submission to the United States pursuant to subsections (1) 30 and (m) of Section 4 of this Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the discretion of the Governor to delegate 31 authority granted to the Governor under any federal law. 32

33 (d) The Board shall have authority to conduct34 proceedings upon complaints charging violations of this Act,

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1 any rule or regulation adopted under this Act, or any permit 2 or term or condition of a permit, or any Board order; upon administrative citations; upon petitions for variances or 3 4 adjusted standards; upon petitions for review of the Agency's 5 final determinations on permit applications in accordance 6 with Title X of this Act; upon petitions to remove seals 7 under Section 34 of this Act; and upon other petitions for final determinations which are made pursuant to 8 review of 9 this Act or Board rule and which involve a subject which the Board is authorized to regulate. The Board may also conduct 10 11 other proceedings as may be provided by this Act or any other statute or rule. 12

13 (e) In connection with any proceeding pursuant to subsection (b) or (d) of this Section, the Board may subpoena 14 15 and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of 16 evidence reasonably necessary to resolution of the matter The Board shall issue such subpoenas 17 under consideration. upon the request of any party to a proceeding 18 under 19 subsection (d) of this Section or upon its own motion.

20 (f) The Board may prescribe reasonable fees for permits 21 required pursuant to this Act. Such fees in the aggregate 22 may not exceed the total cost to the Agency for its 23 inspection and permit systems. The Board may not prescribe 24 any permit fees which are different in amount from those 25 established by this Act.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-574, eff. 6-26-02.)

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(415 ILCS 5/22.2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1022.2)

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Sec. 22.2. Hazardous waste; fees; liability.

(a) There are hereby created within the State Treasury 2
special funds to be known respectively as the "Hazardous
Waste Fund" and the "Hazardous Waste Research Fund",
constituted from the fees collected pursuant to this Section.
In addition to the fees collected under this Section, the

Hazardous Waste Fund shall include other moneys made
 available from any source for deposit into the Fund.

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3 (b) (1) On and after January 1, 1989, the Agency shall
4 collect from the owner or operator of each of the
5 following sites a fee in the amount of:

(A) 9 cents per gallon or \$18.18 per cubic 6 7 yard, if the hazardous waste disposal site is located off the site where such waste was produced. 8 9 The maximum amount payable under this subdivision (A) with respect to the hazardous waste generated by 10 11 a single generator and deposited in monofills is \$30,000 per year. If, as a result of the use of 12 multiple monofills, waste fees in excess of the 13 maximum are assessed with respect to a single waste 14 15 generator, the generator may apply to the Agency for 16 a credit.

(B) 9 cents or \$18.18 per cubic yard, if the
hazardous waste disposal site is located on the site
where such waste was produced, provided however the
maximum amount of fees payable under this paragraph
(B) is \$30,000 per year for each such hazardous
waste disposal site.

(C) If the hazardous waste disposal site is an
underground injection well, \$6,000 per year if not
more than 10,000,000 gallons per year are injected,
\$15,000 per year if more than 10,000,000 gallons but
not more than 50,000,000 gallons per year are
injected, and \$27,000 per year if more than
50,000,000 gallons per year are injected.

30 (D) 3 cents per gallon or \$6.06 per cubic yard 31 of hazardous waste received for treatment at a 32 hazardous waste treatment site, if the hazardous 33 waste treatment site is located off the site where 34 such waste was produced and if such hazardous waste 1 treatment site is owned, controlled and operated by 2 a person other than the generator of such waste. After treatment at such hazardous waste treatment 3 4 site, the waste shall not be subject to any other 5 fee imposed by this subsection (b). For purposes of this subsection (b), the term "treatment" is defined 6 7 as in Section 3.505 but shall not include recycling, 8 reclamation or reuse.

9 (2) The General Assembly shall annually appropriate 10 to the Fund such amounts as it deems necessary to fulfill 11 the purposes of this Act.

12 (3) The Agency shall have the authority to accept, 13 receive, and administer on behalf of the State any moneys 14 made available to the State from any source for the 15 purposes of the Hazardous Waste Fund set forth in 16 subsection (d) of this Section.

(4) Of the amount collected as fees provided for in 17 this Section, the Agency shall manage the use of such 18 funds to assure that sufficient funds are available for 19 match towards federal expenditures for response action at 20 21 sites which are listed on the National Priorities List; 22 provided, however, that this shall not apply to 23 additional monies appropriated to the Fund by the General Assembly, nor shall it apply in the event that the 24 Director finds that revenues in the Hazardous Waste Fund 25 must be used to address conditions which create or may 26 27 create an immediate danger to the environment or public health or to the welfare of the people of the State of 28 29 Illinois.

30 (5) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this
31 subsection (b), sludge from a publicly-owned sewage works
32 generated in Illinois, coal mining wastes and refuse
33 generated in Illinois, bottom boiler ash, flyash and flue
34 gas desulphurization sludge from public utility electric

1 generating facilities located in Illinois, and bottom 2 boiler ash and flyash from all incinerators which process 3 solely municipal waste shall not be subject to the fee.

4 (6) For the purposes of this subsection (b),
5 "monofill" means a facility, or a unit at a facility,
6 that accepts only wastes bearing the same USEPA hazardous
7 waste identification number, or compatible wastes as
8 determined by the Agency.

9 The Agency shall establish procedures, not later (C) than January 1, 1984, relating to the collection of the fees 10 11 authorized by this Section. Such procedures shall include, 12 but not be limited to: (1) necessary records identifying the quantities of hazardous waste received or disposed; (2) the 13 form and submission of reports to accompany the payment of 14 15 fees to the Agency; and (3) the time and manner of payment of 16 fees to the Agency, which payments shall be not more often 17 than quarterly.

(d) Beginning July 1, 1996, the Agency shall deposit all such receipts in the State Treasury to the credit of the Hazardous Waste Fund, except as provided in subsection (e) of this Section. All monies in the Hazardous Waste Fund shall be used by the Agency for the following purposes:

23 (1) Taking whatever preventive or corrective action necessary or appropriate, in circumstances certified 24 is 25 by the Director, including but not limited to removal or action whenever there is a release or remedial 26 substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance 27 or pesticide; provided, the Agency shall expend no more 28 29 than \$1,000,000 on any single incident without 30 appropriation by the General Assembly.

31 (2) To meet any requirements which must be met by
32 the State in order to obtain federal funds pursuant to
33 the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation
34 and Liability Act of 1980, (P.L. 96-510).

1 (3) In an amount up to 30% of the amount collected 2 as fees provided for in this Section, for use by the 3 Agency to conduct groundwater protection activities, 4 including providing grants to appropriate units of local 5 government which are addressing protection of underground 6 waters pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

7 (4) To fund the development and implementation of
8 the model pesticide collection program under Section 19.1
9 of the Illinois Pesticide Act.

10 (5) To the extent the Agency has received and 11 deposited monies in the Fund other than fees collected 12 under subsection (b) of this Section, to pay for the cost 13 of Agency employees for services provided in reviewing 14 the performance of response actions pursuant to Title 15 XVII of this Act.

16 (6) In an amount up to 15% of the fees collected
17 annually under subsection (b) of this Section, for use by
18 the Agency for administration of the provisions of this
19 Section.

(e) The Agency shall deposit 10% of all receipts
collected under subsection (b) of this Section, but not to
exceed \$200,000 per year, in the State Treasury to the credit
of the Hazardous Waste Research Fund established by this Act.
Pursuant to appropriation, all monies in such Fund shall be
used by the Department of Natural Resources for the purposes
set forth in this subsection.

The Department of Natural Resources may enter 27 into contracts with business, industrial, university, governmental 28 29 or other qualified individuals or organizations to assist in 30 the research and development intended to recycle, reduce the volume of, separate, detoxify or reduce the hazardous 31 properties of hazardous wastes in Illinois. Monies in the 32 Fund may also be used by the Department of Natural Resources 33 34 for technical studies, monitoring activities, and educational

1 and research activities which are related to the protection 2 of underground waters. Monies in the Hazardous Waste Research Fund may be used to administer the Illinois Health 3 4 and Hazardous Substances Registry Act. Monies in the Hazardous Waste Research Fund shall not be used for any 5 sanitary landfill or the acquisition or construction of 6 any 7 facility. This does not preclude the purchase of equipment 8 for the purpose of public demonstration projects. The 9 Department of Natural Resources shall adopt guidelines for cost sharing, selecting, and administering projects under 10 11 this subsection.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision or rule of law, and subject only to the defenses set forth in subsection (j) of this Section, the following persons shall be liable for all costs of removal or remedial action incurred by the State of Illinois or any unit of local government as a result of a release or substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide:

19 (1) the owner and operator of a facility or vessel 20 from which there is a release or substantial threat of 21 release of a hazardous substance or pesticide;

(2) any person who at the time of disposal,
transport, storage or treatment of a hazardous substance
or pesticide owned or operated the facility or vessel
used for such disposal, transport, treatment or storage
from which there was a release or substantial threat of a
release of any such hazardous substance or pesticide;

(3) any person who by contract, agreement, or
otherwise has arranged with another party or entity for
transport, storage, disposal or treatment of hazardous
substances or pesticides owned, controlled or possessed
by such person at a facility owned or operated by another
party or entity from which facility there is a release or
substantial threat of a release of such hazardous

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substances or pesticides; and

2 (4) any person who accepts or accepted any hazardous substances or pesticides for transport to 3 disposal, storage or treatment facilities or sites from 4 which there is a release or a substantial threat of a 5 release of a hazardous substance or pesticide. 6

7 Any monies received by the State of Illinois pursuant to this subsection (f) shall be deposited in the State Treasury 8 9 to the credit of the Hazardous Waste Fund.

In accordance with the other provisions of this Section, 10 11 costs of removal or remedial action incurred by a unit of local government may be recovered in an action before the 12 brought by the unit of local government under 13 Board subsection (i) of this Section. Any monies so recovered 14 shall be paid to the unit of local government. 15

16 (g)(1) No indemnification, hold harmless, or similar agreement or conveyance shall be effective to transfer 17 from the owner or operator of any vessel or facility or 18 19 from any person who may be liable for a release or substantial threat of a release under this Section, to 20 21 any other person the liability imposed under this Section. Nothing in this Section shall bar any agreement 22 23 to insure, hold harmless or indemnify a party to such agreements for any liability under this Section. 24

25 (2) Nothing in this Section, including the provisions of paragraph (g)(1) of this Section, shall bar 26 a cause of action that an owner or operator or any other 27 person subject to liability under this Section, or a 28 29 guarantor, has or would have, by reason of subrogation or 30 otherwise against any person.

(h) For purposes of this Section: 31

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(1) The term "facility" means:

(A) any building, structure, installation, 33 34 equipment, pipe or pipeline including but not 8

limited to any pipe into a sewer or publicly owned
 treatment works, well, pit, pond, lagoon,
 impoundment, ditch, landfill, storage container,
 motor vehicle, rolling stock, or aircraft; or

5 (B) any site or area where a hazardous 6 substance has been deposited, stored, disposed of, 7 placed, or otherwise come to be located.

(2) The term "owner or operator" means:

9 (A) any person owning or operating a vessel or 10 facility;

(B) in the case of an abandoned facility, any person owning or operating the abandoned facility or any person who owned, operated, or otherwise controlled activities at the abandoned facility immediately prior to such abandonment;

16 (C) in the case of a land trust as defined in 17 Section 2 of the Land Trustee as Creditor Act, the 18 person owning the beneficial interest in the land 19 trust;

(D) in the case of a fiduciary (other than a 20 21 land trustee), the estate, trust estate, or other 22 interest in property held in a fiduciary capacity, and not the fiduciary. For the purposes of this 23 Section, "fiduciary" means a trustee, executor, 24 25 administrator, guardian, receiver, conservator or other person holding a facility or vessel in a 26 27 fiduciary capacity;

28 (E) in the case of a "financial institution", 29 meaning the Illinois Housing Development Authority 30 and that term as defined in Section 2 of the 31 Illinois Banking Act, that has acquired ownership, 32 operation, management, or control of a vessel or 33 facility through foreclosure or under the terms of a 34 security interest held by the financial institution

1 or under the terms of an extension of credit made by 2 the financial institution, the financial institution only if the financial institution takes possession 3 4 of the vessel or facility and the financial institution exercises actual, direct, and continual 5 or recurrent managerial control in the operation of 6 7 the vessel or facility that causes a release or substantial threat of a release of a hazardous 8 9 substance or pesticide resulting in removal or remedial action; 10

11 (F) In the case of an owner of residential property, the owner if the owner is a person other 12 than an individual, or if the owner is an individual 13 who owns more than 10 dwelling units in Illinois, or 14 15 if the owner, or an agent, representative, 16 contractor, or employee of the owner, has caused, contributed to, or allowed the release or threatened 17 release of a hazardous substance or pesticide. The 18 term "residential property" means single family 19 residences of one to 4 dwelling units, including 20 21 accessory land, buildings, or improvements incidental to those dwellings that are exclusively 22 23 used for the residential use. For purposes of this subparagraph (F), the term "individual" means a 24 25 natural person, and shall not include corporations, partnerships, trusts, or other non-natural persons. 26

(G) In the case of any facility, title or
control of which was conveyed due to bankruptcy,
foreclosure, tax delinquency, abandonment, or
similar means to a unit of State or local
government, any person who owned, operated, or
otherwise controlled activities at the facility
immediately beforehand.

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(H) The term "owner or operator" does not

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1 include a unit of State or local government which 2 acquired ownership or control through bankruptcy, tax delinquency, abandonment, or other circumstances 3 4 in which the government acquires title by virtue of its function as sovereign. The exclusion provided 5 under this paragraph shall not apply to any State or 6 7 local government which has caused or contributed to 8 the release or threatened release of a hazardous 9 substance from the facility, and such a State or local government shall be subject to the provisions 10 11 of this Act in the same manner and to the same extent, both procedurally and substantively, as any 12 nongovernmental entity, including liability under 13 Section 22.2(f). 14

The costs and damages provided for in this Section 15 (i) 16 may be imposed by the Board in an action brought before the Board in accordance with Title VIII of this Act, except that 17 Section 33(c) of this Act shall not apply to any such action. 18 (j) (1) There shall be no liability under this Section 19 for a person otherwise liable who can establish by a 20 21 preponderance of the evidence that the release or substantial 22 threat of release of a hazardous substance and the damages 23 resulting therefrom were caused solely by:

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(A) an act of God;

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(B) an act of war;

(C) an act or omission of a third party other than 26 an employee or agent of the defendant, or other than one 27 whose act or omission occurs in connection with a 28 29 contractual relationship, existing directly or indirectly, with the defendant (except where the sole 30 contractual arrangement arises from a published tariff 31 and acceptance for carriage by a common carrier by rail), 32 if the defendant establishes by a preponderance of the 33 evidence that (i) he exercised due care with respect to 34

1 the hazardous substance concerned, taking into 2 consideration the characteristics of such hazardous substance, in light of all relevant facts and 3 4 circumstances, and (ii) he took precautions against foreseeable acts or omissions of any such third party and 5 the consequences that could foreseeably result from such 6 7 acts or omissions; or

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(D) any combination of the foregoing paragraphs.

9 (2) There shall be no liability under this Section for 10 any release permitted by State or federal law.

11 (3) There shall be no liability under this Section for damages as a result of actions taken or omitted in the course 12 13 of rendering care, assistance, or advice in accordance with this Section or the National Contingency Plan pursuant to the 14 15 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and 16 Liability Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-510) or at the direction of an on-scene coordinator appointed under such plan, with respect 17 to an incident creating a danger to public health or welfare 18 or the environment as a result of any release of a hazardous 19 substance or a substantial threat thereof. This subsection 20 21 shall not preclude liability for damages as the result of gross negligence or intentional misconduct on the part of 22 23 For the purposes of the preceding sentence, such person. reckless, willful, or wanton misconduct shall constitute 24 25 gross negligence.

(4) There shall be no liability under this Section for 26 27 any person (including, but not limited to, an owner of residential applies a pesticide to the 28 property who 29 residential property or who has another person apply a 30 pesticide to the residential property) for response costs or damages as the result of the storage, handling and use, or 31 32 recommendation for storage, handling and use, of a pesticide consistent with: 33

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(A) its directions for storage, handling and use as

1 stated in its label or labeling;

2 (B) its warnings and cautions as stated in its
3 label or labeling; and

4 (C) the uses for which it is registered under the 5 Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and 6 the Illinois Pesticide Act.

(4.5) There shall be no liability under subdivision 7 (f)(1) of this Section for response costs or damages as 8 the 9 result of a release of a pesticide from an agrichemical facility site if the Agency has received notice from 10 the 11 Department of Agriculture pursuant to Section 19.3 of the Illinois Pesticide Act, the owner or operator of 12 the agrichemical facility is proceeding with a corrective action 13 plan under the Agrichemical Facility Response Action Program 14 implemented under that Section, and the Agency has provided a 15 16 written endorsement of a corrective action plan.

(4.6) There shall be no liability under subdivision 17 18 (f)(1) of this Section for response costs or damages as the 19 result of a substantial threat of a release of a pesticide from an agrichemical facility site if the Agency has received 20 21 notice from the Department of Agriculture pursuant to Section 19.3 of the Illinois Pesticide Act and the owner or operator 22 23 of the agrichemical facility is proceeding with a corrective action plan under the Agrichemical Facility Response Action 24 25 Program implemented under that Section.

(5) Nothing in this subsection (j) shall affect or 26 modify in any way the obligations or liability of any person 27 under any other provision of this Act or State or federal 28 29 law, including common law, for damages, injury, or loss 30 resulting from a release or substantial threat of a release of any hazardous substance or for removal or remedial action 31 32 or the costs of removal or remedial action of such hazardous 33 substance.

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(6)(A) The term "contractual relationship", for the

1 purpose of this subsection includes, but is not limited to, 2 land contracts, deeds or other instruments transferring title or possession, unless the real property on which the facility 3 4 concerned is located was acquired by the defendant after the disposal or placement of the hazardous substance on, in, 5 or at the facility, and one or more of the circumstances 6 described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of this paragraph is 7 also established by the defendant by a preponderance of the 8 9 evidence:

10 (i) At the time the defendant acquired the facility 11 the defendant did not know and had no reason to know that 12 any hazardous substance which is the subject of the 13 release or threatened release was disposed of on, in or 14 at the facility.

15 (ii) The defendant is a government entity which 16 acquired the facility by escheat, or through any other 17 involuntary transfer or acquisition, or through the 18 exercise of eminent domain authority by purchase or 19 condemnation.

20 (iii) The defendant acquired the facility by21 inheritance or bequest.

In addition to establishing the foregoing, the defendant must establish that he has satisfied the requirements of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection (j).

25 (B) To establish the defendant had no reason to know, as provided in clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, 26 the defendant must have undertaken, at 27 the time of acquisition, all appropriate inquiry into the previous 28 29 ownership and uses of the property consistent with good 30 commercial or customary practice in an effort to minimize liability. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the court 31 shall take into account any specialized knowledge 32 or experience on the part of the defendant, the relationship of 33 34 the purchase price to the value of the property if uncontaminated, commonly known or reasonably ascertainable information about the property, the obviousness of the presence or likely presence of contamination at the property, and the ability to detect such contamination by appropriate inspection.

(C) Nothing in this paragraph (6) or in subparagraph (C) 6 7 of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall diminish the 8 liability of any previous owner or operator of such facility 9 who would otherwise be liable under this Act. Notwithstanding this paragraph (6), if the defendant obtained actual 10 11 knowledge of the release or threatened release of a hazardous 12 substance at such facility when the defendant owned the real property and then subsequently transferred ownership of the 13 property to another person without disclosing such knowledge, 14 15 such defendant shall be treated as liable under subsection 16 (f) of this Section and no defense under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be available to such 17 18 defendant.

(D) Nothing in this paragraph (6) shall affect the liability under this Act of a defendant who, by any act or omission, caused or contributed to the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance which is the subject of the action relating to the facility.

(E) (i) Except as provided in clause (ii) of 24 this 25 subparagraph (E), a defendant who has acquired real property shall have established a rebuttable presumption against all 26 State claims and a conclusive presumption against all private 27 party claims that the defendant has made all appropriate 28 29 inquiry within the meaning of subdivision (6)(B) of this 30 subsection (j) if the defendant proves that immediately prior to or at the time of the acquisition: 31

32 (I) the defendant obtained a Phase I Environmental
33 Audit of the real property that meets or exceeds the
34 requirements of this subparagraph (E), and the Phase I

1 Environmental Audit did not disclose the presence or 2 likely presence of a release or a substantial threat of a 3 release of a hazardous substance or pesticide at, on, to, 4 or from the real property; or

defendant 5 (II) the obtained а Phase ΤT Environmental Audit of the real property that meets or 6 7 exceeds the requirements of this subparagraph (E), and the Phase II Environmental Audit did not disclose the 8 9 presence or likely presence of a release or a substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide 10 11 at, on, to, or from the real property.

(ii) No presumption shall be created under clause (i) of this subparagraph (E), and a defendant shall be precluded from demonstrating that the defendant has made all appropriate inquiry within the meaning of subdivision (6)(B) of this subsection (j), if:

17 (I) the defendant fails to obtain all Environmental
18 Audits required under this subparagraph (E) or any such
19 Environmental Audit fails to meet or exceed the
20 requirements of this subparagraph (E);

(II) a Phase I Environmental Audit discloses the presence or likely presence of a release or a substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide at, on, to, or from real property, and the defendant fails to obtain a Phase II Environmental Audit;

(III) a Phase II Environmental Audit discloses the
presence or likely presence of a release or a substantial
threat of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide
at, on, to, or from the real property;

30 (IV) the defendant fails to maintain a written 31 compilation and explanatory summary report of the 32 information reviewed in the course of each Environmental 33 Audit under this subparagraph (E); or

34 (V) there is any evidence of fraud, material

1 concealment, or material misrepresentation by the 2 defendant of environmental conditions or of related 3 information discovered during the course of an 4 Environmental Audit.

5 (iii) For purposes of this subparagraph (E), the term 6 "environmental professional" means an individual (other than 7 a practicing attorney) who, through academic training, 8 occupational experience, and reputation (such as engineers, 9 industrial hygienists, or geologists) can objectively conduct 10 one or more aspects of an Environmental Audit and who either:

(I) maintains at the time of the Environmental Audit and for at least one year thereafter at least \$500,000 of environmental consultants' professional liability insurance coverage issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in Illinois; or

16 (II) is an Illinois licensed professional engineer17 or an Illinois licensed industrial hygienist.

An environmental professional may employ persons who are not environmental professionals to assist in the preparation of an Environmental Audit if such persons are under the direct supervision and control of the environmental professional.

(iv) For purposes of this subparagraph (E), the term real property" means any interest in any parcel of land, and includes, but is not limited to, buildings, fixtures, and improvements.

(v) For purposes of this subparagraph (E), the term 27 "Phase I Environmental Audit" means an investigation of real 28 29 property, conducted by environmental professionals, to 30 discover the presence or likely presence of a release or a substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance or 31 pesticide at, on, to, or from real property, and whether a 32 release or a substantial threat of a release of a hazardous 33 34 substance or pesticide has occurred or may occur at, on, to,

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1 from the real property. Until such time as the United or 2 States Environmental Protection Agency establishes standards 3 for making appropriate inquiry into the previous ownership 4 and uses of the facility pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 9601(35)(B)(ii), the investigation shall comply with the 5 procedures of the American Society for Testing and Materials, 6 7 including the document known as Standard E1527-97, entitled 8 "Standard Procedures for Environmental Site Assessment: Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Process". Upon their 9 10 adoption, the standards promulgated by USEPA pursuant to 42 11 U.S.C. Sec. 9601(35)(B)(ii) shall govern the performance of Phase I Environmental Audits. In addition to the above 12 13 requirements, the Phase I Environmental Audit shall include a review of recorded land title records for the purpose of 14 determining whether the real property is subject to an 15 16 environmental land use restriction such as a No Further 17 Remediation Letter, Environmental Land Use Control, or Highway Authority Agreement. The-investigation-shall-include 18 a--review--of--at--least--each--of--the--following-sources-of 19 20 information-concerning-the-current-and-previous-ownership-and 21 use-of-the-real-property: 22 (1)--Recorded-chain-of-title-documents-regarding-the real-property,-including-all--deeds,--easements,--leases, 23

25 (II)--Aerial-photographs-that-may-reflect-prior-uses 26 of--the--real-property-and-that-are-reasonably-obtainable 27 through-State,-federal,-or-local-government--agencies--or 28 bodies.

restrictions,-and-covenants-for-a-period-of-50-years.

29 (III)--Recorded-environmental-eleanup-liens,-if-any, 30 against--the--real--property-that-have-arisen-pursuant-to 31 this-Act-or-federal-statutes.

32 (IV)--Reasonably--obtainable--State,--federal,---and 33 local--government--records-of-sites-or-facilities-at,-on, 34 or-near-the-real-property-to--discover--the--presence--or

1	likelypresenceofa-hazardous-substance-or-pesticide,
2	and-whether-areleaseorasubstantialthreatofa
3	releaseofahazardoussubstanceorpesticidehas
4	occurred-or-may-occurat,on,to,orfromthereal
5	propertySuch-government-records-shall-include,-but-not
б	be-limited-to:reasonably-obtainable-State,-federal,-and
7	local-government-investigation-reports-for-those-sites-or
8	facilities;reasonablyobtainableState;federal;-and
9	local-government-records-of-activities-likely-to-cause-or
10	contribute-to-a-release-orathreatenedreleaseofa
11	hazardoussubstance-or-pesticide-at,-on,-to,-or-from-the
12	real-property,-including-landfillandothertreatment,
13	storage,anddisposallocationrecords,underground
14	storage-tank-records,hazardouswastetransporterand
15	generator-records, and spill-reporting-records; and other
16	reasonablyobtainableState,federal,andlocal
17	government-environmental-records-that-report-incidents-or
18	activitiesthatarelikely-to-cause-or-contribute-to-a
19	release-or-a-threatened-release-of-a-hazardoussubstance
20	orpesticideat,-on,-to,-or-from-the-real-propertyIn
21	order-to-be-deemed-"reasonablyobtainable"asrequired
22	herein,-a-copy-or-reasonable-facsimile-of-the-record-must
23	beobtainablefrom-the-government-agency-by-request-and
24	upon-payment-of-a-processing-fee,-if-any,-establishedby
25	thegovernmentagencyTheAgencyisauthorized-to
26	establishareasonablefeeforprocessingrequests
27	receivedunderthissubparagraph-(E)-for-recordsAll
28	fees-collected-by-the-Agency-underthisclause $(v)$ (IV)
29	shallbedepositedintotheEnvironmental-Protection
30	Permit-and-Inspection-FundinaccordancewithSection
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32	Notwithstandinganyother-lawif-the-fee-is-paid-

32 Notwithstanding--any--other-law,-if-the-fee-is-paid, 33 the-Agency-shall-process-a-request--received--under--this 34 subparagraph--(E)--for--records--within--30--days--of-the

1 receipt-of-such-request. 2 (V)--A-visual-site-inspection-of-the--real--property 3 and--all-facilities-and-improvements-on-the-real-property 4 and--a--visual--inspection--of---properties---immediately 5 adjacent-to-the-real-property,-including-an-investigation of--any--use;--storage;--treatment;--spills--from-use;-or 6 7 disposal-of-hazardous-substances,-hazardous-wastes,-solid 8 wastes,-or-pesticides.---If--the--person--conducting--the 9 investigation--is--denied-access-to-any-property-adjacent 10 to-the-real-property,-the-person-shall-conduct--a--visual 11 inspection-of-that-adjacent-property-from-the-property-to which--the--person--does--have--access--and--from--public 12 13 rights-of-way-

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(VI)--A-review-of-business-records-for-activities-at or-on-the-real-property-for-a-period-of-50-years.

16 (vi) For purposes of subparagraph (E), the term "Phase Environmental Audit" means an investigation of real 17 ΤТ property, conducted by environmental professionals, 18 subsequent to a Phase I Environmental Audit. If the Phase I 19 20 Environmental Audit discloses the presence or likely presence 21 of a hazardous substance or a pesticide or a release or a 22 substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide: 23

In or to soil, the defendant, as part of 24 (I) the 25 Phase II Environmental Audit, shall perform a series of soil borings sufficient to determine whether there is a 26 27 presence or likely presence of a hazardous substance or pesticide and whether there is or has been a release or a 28 29 substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide at, on, to, or from the real property. 30

31 (II) In or to groundwater, the defendant, as part 32 of the Phase II Environmental Audit, shall: review 33 information regarding local geology, water well 34 locations, and locations of waters of the State as may be

1 obtained from State, federal, and local government 2 records, including but not limited to the United States Geological Service, the State Geological Survey Division 3 4 of the Department of Natural Resources, and the State Water Survey Division of the Department of Natural 5 Resources; and perform groundwater monitoring sufficient 6 to determine whether there is a presence or likely 7 8 presence of a hazardous substance or pesticide, and 9 whether there is or has been a release or a substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide 10 11 at, on, to, or from the real property.

12 (III) On or to media other than soil or groundwater, the defendant, as part of the Phase II 13 Environmental Audit, shall perform an 14 investigation 15 sufficient to determine whether there is a presence or 16 likely presence of a hazardous substance or pesticide, and whether there is or has been a release or a 17 substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance 18 or pesticide at, on, to, or from the real property. 19

(vii) The findings of each Environmental Audit prepared 20 21 under this subparagraph (E) shall be set forth in a written 22 audit report. Each audit report shall contain an affirmation 23 by the defendant and by each environmental professional who prepared the Environmental Audit that the facts stated in the 24 25 report are true and are made under a penalty of perjury as defined in Section 32-2 of the Criminal Code of 1961. It is 26 27 perjury for any person to sign an audit report that contains a false material statement that the person does not believe 28 29 to be true.

30 (viii) The Agency is not required to review, approve, or 31 certify the results of any Environmental Audit. The 32 performance of an Environmental Audit shall in no way entitle 33 a defendant to a presumption of Agency approval or 34 certification of the results of the Environmental Audit. 1 The presence or absence of a disclosure document prepared 2 under the Responsible Property Transfer Act of 1988 shall not 3 be a defense under this Act and shall not satisfy the 4 requirements of subdivision (6)(A) of this subsection (j).

5 (7) No person shall be liable under this Section for б response costs or damages as the result of a pesticide 7 release if the Agency has found that a pesticide release 8 occurred based on a Health Advisory issued by the U.S. 9 Environmental Protection Agency or an action level developed by the Agency, unless the Agency notified the manufacturer of 10 11 the pesticide and provided an opportunity of not less than 30 days for the manufacturer to comment on the technical and 12 scientific justification supporting the Health Advisory or 13 action level. 14

15 (8) No person shall be liable under this Section for 16 response costs or damages as the result of a pesticide 17 release that occurs in the course of a farm pesticide 18 collection program operated under Section 19.1 of the 19 Illinois Pesticide Act, unless the release results from gross 20 negligence or intentional misconduct.

If any person who is liable for a release or 21 (k) substantial threat of release of a hazardous substance or 22 23 pesticide fails without sufficient cause to provide removal or remedial action upon or in accordance with a notice and 24 25 request by the Agency or upon or in accordance with any order of the Board or any court, such person may be liable to the 26 State for punitive damages in an amount at least equal to, 27 and not more than 3 times, the amount of any costs incurred 28 by the State of Illinois as a result of such failure to take 29 30 such removal or remedial action. The punitive damages imposed by the Board shall be in addition to any costs 31 32 recovered from such person pursuant to this Section and in addition to any other penalty or relief provided by this Act 33 34 or any other law.

Any monies received by the State pursuant to this
 subsection (k) shall be deposited in the Hazardous Waste
 Fund.

4 Beginning January 1, 1988, the Agency shall annually (1)5 collect a \$250 fee for each Special Waste Hauling Permit б Application and, in addition, shall collect a fee of \$20 for 7 each waste hauling vehicle identified in the annual permit application and for each vehicle which is added to the permit 8 9 during the annual period. The Agency shall deposit 85% of such fees collected under this subsection in the State 10 11 Treasury to the credit of the Hazardous Waste Research Fund; and shall deposit the remaining 15% of such fees collected in 12 the State Treasury to the credit of the Environmental 13 Protection Permit and Inspection Fund. The majority of such 14 15 receipts which are deposited in the Hazardous Waste Research 16 Fund pursuant to this subsection shall be used by the Department of Natural Resources for activities which relate 17 to the protection of underground waters. Persons engaged in 18 19 the offsite transportation of hazardous waste by highway and participating in the Uniform Program under subsection (1-5) 20 21 are not required to file a Special Waste Hauling Permit 22 Application.

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(1-5) (1) As used in this subsection:

"Base state" means the state selected by a
transporter according to the procedures established under
the Uniform Program.

27 "Base state agreement" means an agreement between
28 participating states electing to register or permit
29 transporters.

30 "Participating state" means a state electing to
31 participate in the Uniform Program by entering into a
32 base state agreement.

33 "Transporter" means a person engaged in the offsite34 transportation of hazardous waste by highway.

"Uniform application" means the uniform registration
 and permit application form prescribed under the Uniform
 Program.

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"Uniform Program" means the Uniform State Hazardous
Materials Transportation Registration and Permit Program
established in the report submitted and amended pursuant
to 49 U.S.C. Section 5119(b), as implemented by the
Agency under this subsection.

9 "Vehicle" means any self-propelled motor vehicle, 10 except a truck tractor without a trailer, designed or 11 used for the transportation of hazardous waste subject to 12 the hazardous waste manifesting requirements of 40 U.S.C. 13 Section 6923(a)(3).

(2) Beginning July 1, 1998, the Agency shall 14 15 implement the Uniform State Hazardous Materials 16 Transportation Registration and Permit Program. On and after that date, no person shall engage in the offsite 17 transportation of hazardous waste by highway without 18 19 registering and obtaining a permit under the Uniform Program. A transporter with its principal place of 20 21 business in Illinois shall register with and obtain a 22 permit from the Agency. A transporter that designates 23 another participating state in the Uniform Program as its base state shall likewise register with and obtain a 24 25 permit from that state before transporting hazardous waste in Illinois. 26

(3) Beginning July 1, 1998, 27 the Agency shall annually collect no more than a \$250 processing and audit 28 29 fee from each transporter of hazardous waste who has 30 filed a uniform application and, in addition, the Agency 31 shall annually collect an apportioned vehicle registration fee of \$20. The amount of the apportioned 32 vehicle registration fee shall be calculated consistent 33 34 with the procedures established under the Uniform 1 Program.

2 All received by the Agency from the moneys collection of fees pursuant to the Uniform Program shall 3 4 be deposited into the Hazardous Waste Transporter account hereby created within the Environmental Protection Permit 5 and Inspection Fund. Moneys remaining in the account at 6 7 the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse to the General Revenue Fund. The State Treasurer may receive 8 9 money or other assets from any source for deposit into the account. The Agency may expend moneys from the 10 11 account, upon appropriation, for the implementation of the Uniform Program, including the costs to the Agency of 12 fee collection and administration. In addition, 13 funds expended for the implementation of the Uniform 14 not 15 Program may be utilized for emergency response and 16 cleanup activities related to hazardous waste transportation that are initiated by the Agency. 17

Whenever the amount of the Hazardous 18 Waste 19 Transporter account exceeds by 115% the amount annually appropriated by the General Assembly, the Agency shall credit 20 participating transporters an amount, proportionately based 21 on the amount of the vehicle fee paid, equal to the excess in 22 23 the account, and shall determine the need to reduce the amount of the fee charged transporters in the subsequent 24 25 fiscal year by the amount of the credit.

26 (4) (A) The Agency may propose and the Board shall
27 adopt rules as necessary to implement and enforce the
28 Uniform Program. The Agency is authorized to enter into
29 agreements with other agencies of this State as necessary
30 to carry out administrative functions or enforcement of
31 the Uniform Program.

32 (B) The Agency shall recognize a Uniform Program
33 registration as valid for one year from the date a notice
34 of registration form is issued and a permit as valid for

1 2 3 years from the date issued or until a transporter fails to renew its registration, whichever occurs first.

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(C) The Agency may inspect or examine any motor 3 4 vehicle or facility operated by a transporter, including papers, books, records, documents, or other materials to 5 determine if a transporter is complying with the Uniform 6 7 Program. The Agency may also conduct investigations and 8 audits as necessary to determine if a transporter is 9 entitled to a permit or to make suspension or revocation determinations consistent with the standards of the 10 11 Uniform Program.

(5) The Agency may enter into agreements with 12 13 federal agencies, national repositories, or other participating states as necessary to allow for the 14 15 reciprocal registration and permitting of transporters 16 pursuant to the Uniform Program. The agreements may include procedures for determining a base state, the 17 collection and distribution of registration fees, dispute 18 19 resolution, the exchange of information for reporting and enforcement purposes, and other provisions necessary to 20 21 fully implement, administer, and enforce the Uniform 22 Program.

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25 (Source: P.A. 91-36, eff. 6-15-99; 92-574, eff. 6-26-02.)

26 (415 ILCS 5/28.6 new)

27 <u>Sec. 28.6. Rulemaking to update incorporation by</u>
28 <u>reference.</u>

29 (a) Any person may file a proposal with the Board to 30 update an incorporation by reference included in a Board 31 rule. The Board or the Agency may also make such a proposal 32 on its own initiative.

33 (b) A rulemaking to update an incorporation by reference

1 <u>under this Section shall be for the sole purpose of replacing</u>
2 <u>a reference to an older or obsolete version of a document</u>
3 <u>with a reference to the current version of that document or</u>
4 <u>its successor document.</u>

5 (c) A rulemaking to update an incorporation by reference б under this Section shall comply with Sections 5-40 and 5-75 7 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Sections 27 and 8 28 of this Act do not apply to rulemaking under this Section. 9 (d) If an objection to the proposed amendment is filed during the public comment period required under Section 5-40 10 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, then the 11 proposed amendment shall not be adopted pursuant to this 12 Section. Nothing in this Section precludes the adoption of a 13 change to an incorporation by reference through other lawful 14 15 rulemaking procedures.

16 (e) The Board may adopt procedural rules to implement
17 this Section.

18 (415 ILCS 5/30) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1030)

Sec. 30. Investigations. 19 The Agency shall cause 20 investigations to be made upon the request of the Board or 21 upon receipt of information concerning an alleged violation of this Act, or-of any rule or regulation adopted under this 22 Act, promulgated-thereunder,-or-of any permit granted-by--the 23 24 Agency or any term or condition of <u>a</u> any-such permit, <u>or any</u> 25 Board order, and may cause to be made such other investigations as it shall deem advisable. 26

27 (Source: P.A. 92-574, eff. 6-26-02.)

(415 ILCS 5/31) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1031)
Sec. 31. Notice; complaint; hearing.
(a)(1) Within 180 days of becoming aware of an alleged
violation of the Act or any rule adopted under the Act or
of a permit granted by the Agency or condition of the

permit, the Agency shall issue and serve, by certified mail, upon the person complained against a written notice informing that person that the Agency has evidence of the alleged violation. At a minimum, the written notice shall contain:

6 (A) notification to the person complained 7 against of the requirement to submit a written 8 response addressing the violations alleged and the 9 option to meet with appropriate agency personnel to 10 resolve any alleged violations that could lead to 11 the filing of a formal complaint;

12 (B) a detailed explanation by the Agency of13 the violations alleged;

14 (C) an explanation by the Agency of the 15 actions that the Agency believes may resolve the 16 alleged violations, including an estimate of a 17 reasonable time period for the person complained 18 against to complete the suggested resolution; and

19 (D) an explanation of any alleged violation 20 that the Agency believes cannot be resolved without 21 the involvement of the Office of the Illinois 22 Attorney General or the State's Attorney of the 23 county in which the alleged violation occurred and 24 the basis for the Agency's belief.

(2) A written response to the violations alleged
shall be submitted to the Agency, by certified mail,
within 45 days of receipt of notice by the person
complained against, unless the Agency agrees to an
extension. The written response shall include:

30 (A) information in rebuttal, explanation or
 31 justification of each alleged violation;

32 (B) a proposed Compliance Commitment Agreement
33 that includes specified times for achieving each
34 commitment and which may consist of a statement

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indicating that the person complained against believes that compliance has been achieved; and

3 (C) a request for a meeting with appropriate
4 Agency personnel if a meeting is desired by the
5 person complained against.

6 (3) If the person complained against fails to 7 respond in accordance with the requirements of 8 subdivision (2) of this subsection (a), the failure to 9 respond shall be considered a waiver of the requirements 10 of this subsection (a) and nothing in this Section shall 11 preclude the Agency from proceeding pursuant to 12 subsection (b) of this Section.

(4) A meeting requested pursuant to subdivision (2) 13 of this subsection (a) shall be held 14 without а representative of the Office of the Illinois Attorney 15 16 General or the State's Attorney of the county in which the alleged violation occurred, within 60 days of receipt 17 of notice by the person complained against, unless the 18 19 Agency agrees to a postponement. At the meeting, the Agency shall provide an opportunity for the person 20 21 complained against to respond to each alleged violation, 22 suggested resolution, and suggested implementation time 23 frame, and to suggest alternate resolutions.

(5) If a meeting requested pursuant to subdivision
(2) of this subsection (a) is held, the person complained
against shall, within 21 days following the meeting or
within an extended time period as agreed to by the
Agency, submit by certified mail to the Agency a written
response to the alleged violations. The written response
shall include:

31 (A) additional information in rebuttal,
32 explanation or justification of each alleged
33 violation;

(B) a proposed Compliance Commitment Agreement

1 that includes specified times for achieving each 2 commitment and which may consist of a statement 3 indicating that the person complained against 4 believes that compliance has been achieved; and

5 (C) a statement indicating that, should the 6 person complained against so wish, the person 7 complained against chooses to rely upon the initial 8 written response submitted pursuant to subdivision 9 (2) of this subsection (a).

the person complained against fails to 10 (6) If 11 respond in accordance with the requirements of subdivision (5) of this subsection (a), the failure to 12 respond shall be considered a waiver of the requirements 13 of this subsection (a) and nothing in this Section shall 14 15 preclude the Agency from proceeding pursuant to 16 subsection (b) of this Section.

(7) Within 30 days of the Agency's receipt of 17 a written response submitted by the person complained 18 19 against pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection (a), if a meeting is not requested, or subdivision (5) of 20 21 this subsection (a), if a meeting is held, or within a 22 later time period as agreed to by the Agency and the 23 person complained against, the Agency shall issue and serve, by certified mail, upon the person complained 24 25 against a written notice informing the person of its acceptance, rejection, or proposed modification to the 26 proposed Compliance Commitment Agreement as contained 27 within the written response. 28

(8) Nothing in this subsection (a) is intended to require the Agency to enter into Compliance Commitment Agreements for any alleged violation that the Agency believes cannot be resolved without the involvement of the Office of the Attorney General or the State's Attorney of the county in which the alleged violation occurred, for, among other purposes, the imposition of
 statutory penalties.

(9) The Agency's failure to respond to a written 3 4 response submitted pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection (a), if a meeting is not requested, or 5 subdivision (5) of this subsection (a), if a meeting is 6 7 held, within 30 days, or within the time period otherwise 8 agreed to in writing by the Agency and the person 9 complained against, shall be deemed an acceptance by the Agency of the proposed Compliance Commitment Agreement 10 11 for the violations alleged in the written notice issued under subdivision (1) of this subsection (a) as contained 12 13 within the written response.

(10) If the person complained against complies with 14 15 the terms of a Compliance Commitment Agreement accepted 16 pursuant to this subsection (a), the Agency shall not refer the alleged violations which are the subject of the 17 Compliance Commitment Agreement to the Office of the 18 19 Illinois Attorney General or the State's Attorney of the county in which the alleged violation occurred. However, 20 21 nothing in this subsection is intended to preclude the 22 Agency from continuing negotiations with the person 23 complained against or from proceeding pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section for alleged 24 25 violations which remain the subject of disagreement between the Agency and the person complained against 26 fulfillment of the requirements of this 27 following subsection (a). 28

29 (11) Nothing in this subsection (a) is intended to 30 preclude the person complained against from submitting to 31 the Agency, by certified mail, at any time, notification 32 that the person complained against consents to waiver of 33 the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this 34 Section.

1 (b) For alleged violations that remain the subject of 2 disagreement between the Agency and the person complained against following fulfillment of the 3 requirements of 4 subsection (a) of this Section, and as a precondition to the 5 Agency's referral or request to the Office of the Illinois 6 Attorney General or the State's Attorney of the county in 7 which the alleged violation occurred for legal representation regarding an alleged violation that may be addressed pursuant 8 9 to subsection (c) or (d) of this Section or pursuant to Section 42 of this Act, the Agency shall issue and serve, by 10 11 certified mail, upon the person complained against a written notice informing that person that the Agency intends to 12 pursue legal action. Such notice shall notify the person 13 complained against of the violations to be alleged and offer 14 15 the person an opportunity to meet with appropriate Agency 16 personnel in an effort to resolve any alleged violations that could lead to the filing of a formal complaint. The meeting 17 with Agency personnel shall be held within 30 days of receipt 18 19 of notice served pursuant to this subsection upon the person 20 complained against, unless the Agency agrees to a 21 postponement or the person notifies the Agency that he or she 22 will not appear at a meeting within the 30 day time period. 23 Nothing in this subsection is intended to preclude the Agency from following the provisions of subsection (c) or (d) of 24 25 this Section or from requesting the legal representation of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General or the State's 26 Attorney of the county in which the alleged violations 27 for alleged violations which remain the subject of 28 occurred 29 disagreement between the Agency and the person complained 30 against after the provisions of this subsection are fulfilled. 31

32 (c)(1) For alleged violations which remain the subject
 33 of disagreement between the Agency and the person
 34 complained against following waiver, pursuant to

1 subdivision (10) of subsection (a) of this Section, or 2 fulfillment of the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, the Office of the Illinois Attorney 3 4 General or the State's Attorney of the county in which the alleged violation occurred shall issue and serve upon 5 the person complained against a written notice, together 6 7 with a formal complaint, which shall specify the 8 provision of the Act or the rule or regulation or permit 9 or term or condition thereof under which such person is said to be in violation, and a statement of the manner 10 11 in, and the extent to which such person is said to 12 violate the Act or such rule or regulation or permit or term or condition thereof and shall require the person so 13 complained against to answer the charges of such formal 14 15 complaint at a hearing before the Board at a time not 16 less than 21 days after the date of notice by the Board, except as provided in Section 34 of this Act. Such 17 complaint shall be accompanied by a notification to the 18 defendant that financing may be available, through the 19 Illinois Environmental Facilities Financing Act, 20 to 21 correct such violation. A copy of such notice of such 22 hearings shall also be sent to any person that has complained to the Agency respecting the respondent within 23 the six months preceding the date of the complaint, and 24 to any person in the county in which the offending 25 activity occurred that has requested notice of 26 enforcement proceedings; 21 days notice of such hearings 27 shall also be published in a newspaper of general 28 29 circulation in such county. The respondent may file a written answer, and at such hearing the rules prescribed 30 31 in Sections 32 and 33 of this Act shall apply. In the case of actual or threatened acts outside Illinois 32 contributing to environmental damage in Illinois, the 33 extraterritorial service-of-process provisions 34 of

Sections 2-208 and 2-209 of the Code of Civil Procedure
 shall apply.

With respect to notices served pursuant to this 3 4 subsection (c)(1) which involve hazardous material or wastes in any manner, the Agency shall annually publish a 5 list of all such notices served. The list shall include 6 7 the date the investigation commenced, the date notice was 8 sent, the date the matter was referred to the Attorney 9 General, if applicable, and the current status of the 10 matter.

11 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection (c), whenever a complaint has been 12 filed on behalf of the Agency or by the People of the 13 State of Illinois, the parties may file with the Board a 14 15 stipulation and proposal for settlement accompanied by a 16 request for relief from the requirement of a hearing pursuant to subdivision (1). Unless the Board, in its 17 discretion, concludes that a hearing will be held, the 18 Board shall cause notice of the stipulation, proposal and 19 request for relief to be published and sent in the same 20 21 manner as is required for hearing pursuant to subdivision 22 (1) of this subsection. The notice shall include a 23 statement that any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If any 24 person files a timely written demand for hearing, 25 the Board shall deny the request for relief from a hearing 26 27 and shall hold a hearing in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1). 28

29 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision
30 (1) of this subsection (c), if the Agency becomes aware
31 of a violation of this Act arising from, or as a result
32 of, voluntary pollution prevention activities, the Agency
33 shall not proceed with the written notice required by
34 subsection (a) of this Section unless:

1 (A) the person fails to take corrective action 2 or eliminate the reported violation within a 3 reasonable time; or

4 (B) the Agency believes that the violation 5 poses a substantial and imminent danger to the 6 public health or welfare or the environment. For 7 the purposes of this item (B), "substantial and 8 imminent danger" means a danger with a likelihood of 9 serious or irreversible harm.

(d)(1) Any person may file with the Board 10 а 11 complaint, meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of 12 this Section, against any person allegedly violating this 13 Act, any rule or regulation adopted under this Act, any permit or term or condition of a permit, or any Board 14 15 order. or-any-rule-or-regulation-thereunder-or-any-permit 16 or-term-or--condition--thereof. The complainant shall 17 immediately serve a copy of such complaint upon the person or persons named therein. Unless the Board 18 19 determines that such complaint is duplicative or frivolous, it shall schedule a hearing and serve written 20 21 notice thereof upon the person or persons named therein, in accord with subsection (c) of this Section. 22

23 (2) Whenever a complaint has been filed by a person 24 other than the Attorney General or the State's Attorney, 25 the parties may file with the Board a stipulation and proposal for settlement accompanied by a request for 26 relief from the hearing requirement of subdivision (c)(1) 27 of this Section. Unless the Board, in its discretion, 28 concludes that a hearing should be held, no hearing on 29 the stipulation and proposal for settlement is required. 30

31 (e) In hearings before the Board under this Title the 32 burden shall be on the Agency or other complainant to show 33 either that the respondent has caused or threatened to cause 34 air or water pollution or that the respondent has violated or

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1 threatens to violate any provision of this Act or any rule or 2 regulation of the Board or permit or term or condition 3 thereof. If such proof has been made, the burden shall be on 4 the respondent to show that compliance with the Board's 5 regulations would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable 6 hardship.

7 (f) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to
8 administrative citation actions commenced under Section 31.1
9 of this Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-574, eff. 6-26-02.)

11 (415 ILCS 5/33) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1033)

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Sec. 33. <u>Board orders.</u>

After due consideration of the written and oral 13 (a) 14 statements, the testimony and arguments that shall be 15 submitted at the hearing, or upon default in appearance of the respondent on return day specified in the notice, the 16 17 Board shall issue and enter such final order, or make such 18 final determination, as it shall deem appropriate under the circumstances. It shall not be a defense to findings 19 of 20 violations of the provisions of this Act, any rule or regulation adopted under this Act, any permit or term or 21 22 condition of a permit, or any Board order, the-Aet-or-Board regulations or a bar to the assessment of civil penalties 23 24 that the person has come into compliance subsequent to the violation, except where such action is barred by 25 any applicable State or federal statute of limitation. In all 26 such matters the Board shall file and publish a written 27 28 opinion stating the facts and reasons leading to its 29 decision. The Board shall immediately notify the respondent of such order in writing by registered mail. 30

31 (b) Such order may include a direction to cease and 32 desist from violations of <u>this Act</u>, any <u>rule or regulation</u> 33 <u>adopted under this Act</u>, any <u>permit or term or condition of a</u>

1 permit, or any Board order the-Aet-or-of--the--Board's--rules 2 and--regulations--any--permit--or--term-or-condition-thereof, and/or the imposition by the Board of civil penalties in 3 4 accord with Section 42 of this Act. The Board may also revoke the permit as a penalty for violation. If such order 5 includes a reasonable delay during which to correct a 6 7 violation, the Board may require the posting of sufficient 8 performance bond or other security to assure the correction 9 of such violation within the time prescribed.

10 (c) In making its orders and determinations, the Board 11 shall take into consideration all the facts and circumstances 12 bearing upon the reasonableness of the emissions, discharges 13 or deposits involved including, but not limited to:

14 (i) the character and degree of injury to, or 15 interference with the protection of the health, general 16 welfare and physical property of the people;

17 (ii) the social and economic value of the pollution18 source;

19 (iii) the suitability or unsuitability of the 20 pollution source to the area in which it is located, 21 including the question of priority of location in the 22 area involved;

23 (iv) the technical practicability and economic 24 reasonableness of reducing or eliminating the emissions, 25 discharges or deposits resulting from such pollution 26 source; and

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(v) any subsequent compliance.

Whenever a proceeding before the Board may affect the right of the public individually or collectively to the use of community sewer or water facilities provided by a municipally owned or publicly regulated company, the Board shall at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the first hearing in such proceeding, give notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of such hearing by public advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the State concerned. The Board shall conduct a full and complete hearing into the social and economic impact which would result from restriction or denial of the right to use such facilities and allow all persons claiming an interest to intervene as parties and present evidence of such social and economic impact.

8 (d) All orders issued and entered by the Board pursuant 9 to this Section shall be enforceable by injunction, mandamus, 10 or other appropriate remedy, in accordance with Section 42 of 11 this Act.

12 (Source: P.A. 85-1041; 86-1363.)

13 (415 ILCS 5/35) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1035)

14 Sec. 35. Variances; general provisions. To the extent 15 consistent with applicable provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as now or hereafter amended, 16 the 17 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (P.L. 93-523), as now or 18 hereafter amended, the Clean Air Act as amended in 1977 (P.L. 95-95), and regulations pursuant thereto, and to the extent 19 20 consistent with applicable provisions of the Federal Resource 21 Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-580), and 22 regulations pursuant thereto:7

The Board may grant individual variances beyond 23 the (a) 24 limitations prescribed in this Act, whenever it is found, upon presentation of adequate proof, that compliance with any 25 rule or regulation, requirement or order of the Board would 26 impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship. However, the 27 28 Board is not required to find that an arbitrary or 29 unreasonable hardship exists exclusively because the 30 regulatory standard is under review and the costs of 31 compliance are substantial and certain. In granting or denying a variance the Board shall file and publish a written 32 33 opinion stating the facts and reasons leading to its

1 decision.

2 (b) The Agency Board shall grant provisional variances whenever it is found, upon presentation of adequate proof, 3 only--upon--notification-from-the-Agency that compliance on a 4 5 short term basis with any rule or regulation, requirement or 6 order of the Board, or with any permit requirement, would 7 impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship. Such provisional--variances--shall-be-issued-within-2-working-days 8 9 of-notification-from-the-Agency.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-671.)

11 (415 ILCS 5/36) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1036)

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Sec. 36. Variances and provisional variances.

In granting a variance the Board may impose such 13 (a) 14 conditions as the policies of this Act may require. If the 15 hardship complained of consists solely of the need for a reasonable delay in which to correct a violation of this Act 16 17 or of the Board regulations, the Board shall condition the 18 grant of such variance upon the posting of sufficient performance bond or other security to assure the completion 19 20 of the work covered by the variance. The Board shall have no 21 authority to delegate to the Agency its powers to require 22 performance bond. The original amount of such such performance bond shall not exceed the reasonable cost of 23 the 24 work to be completed pursuant to the variance. The obligation under such bond shall at no time exceed the reasonable cost 25 of work remaining pursuant to the variance. 26

(b) Except as provided by Section 38 of this Act, any variance granted pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be granted for such period of time, not exceeding five years, as shall be specified by the Board at the time of the grant of such variance, and upon the condition that the person who receives such variance shall make such periodic progress reports as the Board shall specify. Such variance may be extended from year to year by affirmative action of
 the Board, but only if satisfactory progress has been shown.

(c) Any provisional variance granted by the Agency Beard 3 4 pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 35 shall be for а period of time not to exceed 45 days. A provisional variance 5 may be extended Upon--receipt-of-a-recommendation-from-the 6 7 Agency-to-extend-this-time-period,-the-Board-shall--grant up 8 to an additional 45 days by written decision of the Agency. 9 The provisional variances granted to any one person shall not exceed a total of 90 days during any calendar year. 10

11 (Source: P.A. 81-1442.)

12 (415 ILCS 5/37) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1037)

13 Sec. 37. <u>Variances; procedures.</u>

14 (a) Any person seeking a variance pursuant to subsection 15 (a) of Section 35 shall do so by filing a petition for variance with the Board and the Agency. 16 Any person filing 17 such a petition shall pay a filing fee. The Agency shall promptly give written notice of such petition to any person 18 in the county in which the installation or property for which 19 20 variance is sought is located who has in writing requested notice of variance petitions, the State's attorney of such 21 22 county, the Chairman of the County Board of such county, and to each member of the General Assembly from the legislative 23 24 district in which that installation or property is located, and shall publish a single notice of such petition in a 25 newspaper of general circulation in such county. The notices 26 required by this Section shall include the street address, 27 28 and if there is no street address then the legal description 29 the location with reference to any well known landmark, or highway, road, thoroughfare or intersection. 30

The Agency shall promptly investigate such petition and consider the views of persons who might be adversely affected by the grant of a variance. The Agency shall make a 1 recommendation to the Board as to the disposition of the 2 petition. If the Board, in its discretion, concludes that a hearing would be advisable, or if the Agency or any other 3 4 person files a written objection to the grant of such 5 variance within 21 days, together with a written request for 6 hearing, then a hearing shall be held, under the rules prescribed in Sections 32 and 33 (a) of this Act, and the 7 burden of proof shall be on the petitioner. 8

9 Any person seeking a provisional variance pursuant (b) to subsection (b) of Section 35 shall make a request to the 10 11 Agency. The Agency shall promptly investigate and consider the merits of the request. The-Agency-may-notify-the-Board 12 of-its-recommendation. If the Agency fails to take final 13 action within 30 days after receipt of the request for a 14 15 provisional variance, or if the Agency denies the request, 16 the person may initiate a proceeding with the Board under subsection (a) of Section 35. 17

18 If the Agency grants a provisional variance, the Agency 19 must promptly file a copy of its written decision with the 20 Board, and the-Beard shall give prompt notice of its action 21 to the public by issuing a press release for distribution to 22 newspapers of general circulation in the county. The Board 23 must maintain for public inspection copies of all provisional 24 variances filed with it by the Agency.

25 (Source: P.A. 87-914; 88-474.)

26 (415 ILCS 5/42) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1042)

27 Sec. 42. Civil penalties.

(a) Except as provided in this Section, any person that violates any provision of this Act or any regulation adopted by the Board, or any permit or term or condition thereof, or that violates any determination-or order of the Board pursuant to this Act, shall be liable <u>for</u> to a civil penalty of not to exceed \$50,000 for the violation and an additional civil penalty of not to exceed \$10,000 for each day during which the violation continues; such penalties may, upon order of the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction, be made payable to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, to be used in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act.

7 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of8 this Section:

9 (1) Any person that violates Section 12(f) of this 10 Act or any NPDES permit or term or condition thereof, or 11 any filing requirement, regulation or order relating to 12 the NPDES permit program, shall be liable to a civil 13 penalty of not to exceed \$10,000 per day of violation.

(2) Any person that violates Section 12(g) of this 14 15 Act or any UIC permit or term or condition thereof, 16 any filing requirement, regulation or order relating to the State UIC program for all wells, except Class II 17 wells as defined by the Board under this Act, shall be 18 liable to a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per day of 19 20 violation; provided, however, that any person who commits 21 such violations relating to the State UIC program for 22 Class II wells, as defined by the Board under this Act, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not to exceed 23 \$10,000 for the violation and an additional civil penalty 24 of not to exceed \$1,000 for each day during which the 25 violation continues. 26

27 (3) Any person that violates Sections 21(f), 21(g),
28 21(h) or 21(i) of this Act, or any RCRA permit or term or
29 condition thereof, or any filing requirement, regulation
30 or order relating to the State RCRA program, shall be
31 liable to a civil penalty of not to exceed \$25,000 per
32 day of violation.

33 (4) In an administrative citation action under
34 Section 31.1 of this Act, any person found to have

1 violated any provision of subsection (o) of Section 21 of 2 this Act shall pay a civil penalty of \$500 for each violation of each such provision, plus any hearing costs 3 4 incurred by the Board and the Agency. Such penalties shall be made payable to the Environmental Protection 5 Trust Fund, to be used in accordance with the provisions 6 7 of the Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act; except 8 that if a unit of local government issued the 9 administrative citation, 50% of the civil penalty shall be payable to the unit of local government. 10

11 (4-5) In an administrative citation action under Section 31.1 of this Act, any person found to have 12 violated any provision of subsection (p) of Section 21 of 13 this Act shall pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 for each 14 15 violation of each such provision, plus any hearing costs 16 incurred by the Board and the Agency, except that the civil penalty amount shall be a-first-offense-and \$3,000 17 for each violation of any provision of subsection (p) of 18 Section 21 that is the person's a second or subsequent 19 20 adjudicated violation of that provision offense,-plus-any 21 hearing-costs-incurred-by-the-Board-and-the-Agency. The 22 penalties shall be deposited into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, to be used in accordance with the 23 provisions of the Environmental Protection Trust Fund 24 Act; except that if a unit of local government issued the 25 administrative citation, 50% of the civil penalty shall 26 be payable to the unit of local government. 27

(5) Any person who violates subsection 6 of Section
39.5 of this Act or any CAAPP permit, or term or
condition thereof, or any fee or filing requirement, or
any duty to allow or carry out inspection, entry or
monitoring activities, or any regulation or order
relating to the CAAPP shall be liable for a civil penalty
not to exceed \$10,000 per day of violation.

1 (b.5) In lieu of the penalties set forth in subsections 2 (a) and (b) of this Section, any person who fails to file, in a timely manner, toxic chemical release forms with the Agency 3 4 pursuant to Section 25b-2 of this Act shall be liable for a 5 civil penalty of \$100 per day for each day the forms are 6 late, not to exceed a maximum total penalty of \$6,000. This 7 daily penalty shall begin accruing on the thirty-first day after the date that the person receives the warning notice 8 9 issued by the Agency pursuant to Section 25b-6 of this Act; and the penalty shall be paid to the Agency. The daily 10 11 accrual of penalties shall cease as of January 1 of the following year. All penalties collected by the Agency 12 pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the 13 Environmental Protection Permit and Inspection Fund. 14

15 Any person that violates this Act, any rule or (C) 16 regulation adopted under this Act, any permit or term or condition of a permit, or any Board order or-an-order-or 17 other-determination-of-the-Board-under-this--Act and causes 18 19 the death of fish or aquatic life shall, in addition to the other penalties provided by this Act, be liable to pay to the 20 21 State an additional sum for the reasonable value of the fish 22 aquatic life destroyed. Any money so recovered shall be or 23 placed in the Wildlife and Fish Fund in the State Treasury.

24 (d) The penalties provided for in this Section may be25 recovered in a civil action.

(e) The State's Attorney of the county in which the
violation occurred, or the Attorney General, may, at the
request of the Agency or on his own motion, institute a civil
action for an injunction to restrain violations of this Act,
any rule or regulation adopted under this Act, any permit or
term or condition of a permit, or any Board order.

32 (f) The State's Attorney of the county in which the 33 violation occurred, or the Attorney General, shall bring such 34 actions in the name of the people of the State of Illinois.

1 Without limiting any other authority which may exist for the 2 awarding of attorney's fees and costs, the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction may award costs and reasonable 3 4 attorney's fees, including the reasonable costs of expert 5 witnesses and consultants, to the State's Attorney or the Attorney General in a case where he has prevailed against a 6 7 person who has committed a wilful, knowing or repeated 8 violation of this Act, any rule or regulation adopted under 9 this Act, any permit or term or condition of a permit, or any Board order the-Aet. 10

11 Any funds collected under this subsection (f) in which 12 the Attorney General has prevailed shall be deposited in the 13 Hazardous Waste Fund created in Section 22.2 of this Act. 14 Any funds collected under this subsection (f) in which a 15 State's Attorney has prevailed shall be retained by the 16 county in which he serves.

(g) All final orders imposing civil penalties pursuant 17 this Section shall prescribe the time for payment of such 18 to 19 penalties. If any such penalty is not paid within the time prescribed, interest on such penalty at the rate set forth in 20 subsection (a) of Section 1003 of the Illinois Income Tax 21 Act, shall be paid for the period from the date payment 22 is 23 due until the date payment is received. However, if the time for payment is stayed during the pendency of an appeal, 24 25 interest shall not accrue during such stay.

(h) In determining the appropriate civil penalty to be
imposed under subdivisions (a), (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), or
(b)(5) of this Section, the Board is authorized to consider
any matters of record in mitigation or aggravation of
penalty, including but not limited to the following factors:

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(1) the duration and gravity of the violation;

32 (2) the presence or absence of due diligence on the
33 part of the violator in attempting to comply with
34 requirements of this Act and regulations thereunder or to

2 (3) any economic benefits accrued by the violator
3 because of delay in compliance with requirements;

4 (4) the amount of monetary penalty which will serve
5 to deter further violations by the violator and to
6 otherwise aid in enhancing voluntary compliance with this
7 Act by the violator and other persons similarly subject
8 to the Act; and

9 (5) the number, proximity in time, and gravity of 10 previously adjudicated violations of this Act by the 11 violator.

12 (Source: P.A. 90-773, eff. 8-14-98; 91-82, eff. 1-1-00.)

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(415 ILCS 5/45) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1045)

14 Sec. 45. Injunctive and other relief.

15 (a) No existing civil or criminal remedy for any wrongful action shall be excluded or impaired by this Act. 16 17 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or supersede 18 the provisions of the Illinois Oil and Gas Act and the powers therein granted to prevent the intrusion of water into oil, 19 20 gas or coal strata and to prevent the pollution of fresh 21 water supplies by oil, gas or salt water or oil field wastes, 22 except that water quality standards as set forth by the Pollution Control Board apply to and are effective within the 23 24 areas covered by and affected by permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources. However, if the Department 25 of Natural Resources fails to act upon any complaint within a 26 period of 10 working days following the receipt of 27 а complaint by the Department, the Environmental Protection 28 Agency may proceed under the provisions of this Act. 29

30 (b) Any person adversely affected in fact by a violation
31 of this Act, any rule or regulation adopted under this Act,
32 or any permit or term or condition of a permit, or any Board
33 order may sue for injunctive relief against such violation.

However, except as provided in <u>subsections</u> subsection (d) <u>and</u> (<u>e</u>), no action shall be brought under this Section until 30 days after the plaintiff has been denied relief by the Board in a proceeding brought under <u>subdivision (d)(1)</u> subsection (<u>d</u>) of Section 31 of this Act. The prevailing party shall be awarded costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

7 (c) Nothing in Section 39.4 of this Act shall limit the 8 authority of the Agency to proceed with enforcement under the 9 provisions of this Act for violations of terms and conditions of an endorsed agrichemical facility permit, an endorsed 10 11 lawncare containment permit, or this Act or regulations hereunder caused or threatened by an agrichemical facility or 12 lawncare wash water containment area, provided that prior 13 а notice is given to the Department of Agriculture which 14 15 provides that Department an opportunity to respond as 16 appropriate.

If the State brings an action under this Act against 17 (d) a person with an interest in real property upon which 18 the person is alleged to have allowed open dumping or open 19 20 burning by a third party in violation of this Act, which 21 action seeks to compel the defendant to remove the waste or 22 otherwise clean up the site, the defendant may, in the manner 23 provided by law for third-party complaints, bring in as а third-party defendant a person who with actual knowledge 24 25 caused or contributed to the illegal open dumping or open burning, or who is or may be liable for all or part of the 26 removal and cleanup costs. The court may include any of 27 the parties which it determines to have, with actual knowledge, 28 allowed, caused or contributed to the illegal open dumping or 29 30 open burning in any order that it may issue to compel removal of the waste and cleanup of the site, and may apportion the 31 32 removal and cleanup costs among such parties, as it deems appropriate. However, a person may not seek to recover any 33 34 fines or civil penalties imposed upon him under this Act from

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1 a third-party defendant in an action brought under this 2 subsection. (e) A final order issued by the Board pursuant to 3 4 Section 33 of this Act may be enforced through a civil action for injunctive or other relief instituted by a person who was 5 a party to the Board enforcement proceeding in which the 6 7 Board issued the final order. (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 92-574, eff. 6-26-02.) 8 9 ARTICLE II. Non-IERRC provisions. Section 25. The State Finance Act is amended by adding 10 Section 5.595 as follows: 11 (30 ILCS 105/5.595 new) 12 13 Sec. 5.595. The Oil Spill Response Fund. 14 Section 30. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by adding Title VI-C as follows: 15 16 (415 ILCS 5/Tit. VI-C heading new) 17 TITLE VI-C: OIL SPILL RESPONSE (415 ILCS 5/25c-1 new) 18 19 Sec. 25c-1. Oil Spill Response Fund. 20 (a) There is hereby created within the State treasury an interest-bearing special fund to be known as the Oil Spill 21 Response Fund. There shall be deposited into the Fund all 22 23 monies recovered as reimbursement for response costs incurred 24 by the Agency from parties responsible for releases or threats of release of petroleum, monies provided to the State 25 from the federal Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and such 26 other monies as may be received for this purpose through 27 28 contributions, gifts, or supplemental environmental projects,

1	pursuant to court orders or decrees, or from any other
2	source.
3	(b) Pursuant to appropriation, all monies in the Oil
4	Spill Response Fund may be used by the Agency for all of the
5	following purposes:
6	(1) Responding to releases or threats of release of
7	petroleum that may constitute a substantial danger to the
8	environment or human health or welfare.
9	(2) Contractual expenses and purchases of equipment
10	or supplies necessary to enable prompt response to
11	releases or threats of release of petroleum and to
12	provide effective mitigation of such releases or threats
13	<u>of release.</u>
14	(3) Costs of investigation and assessment of the
15	source, nature, and extent of a release or threatened
16	release of petroleum and any resulting injuries or
17	damages.
18	(4) Costs associated with planning and training for
19	response to releases and threats of release of petroleum.
20	(5) Costs associated with preparing and submitting
21	claims of the Agency to the federal Oil Spill Liability
22	Trust Fund.
23	(c) For the purposes of implementing this Section,
24	"petroleum" means crude oil, refined petroleum,
25	intermediates, fractions or constituents of petroleum, brine
26	or salt water from oil production, oil sheens, hydrocarbon
27	vapors, and any other form of oil or petroleum.
28	(d) In addition to any other authority provided by State
29	or federal law, the Agency shall be entitled to recovery of
30	costs incurred by it in response to releases and threats of
31	release of petroleum from any persons who are responsible for
32	causing, allowing, or threatening such releases.

33 Section 35. The Response Action Contractor

Indemnification Act is amended by changing Sections 4 and 5
 as follows:

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3 (415 ILCS 100/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 7204) (a) In the event that any civil proceeding 4 Sec. 4. 5 arising out of a State response action contract is commenced against any response action contractor, the Attorney General 6 7 shall, upon timely and appropriate notice to him by such contractor, appear on behalf of such contractor and defend 8 the action. Any such notice shall be in writing, shall 9 be 10 mailed within 15 days after the date of receipt by the contractor of service of process, and shall authorize the 11 Attorney General to represent and defend the contractor in 12 the proceeding. The giving of this notice to the Attorney 13 General shall constitute an agreement by the contractor to 14 15 cooperate with the Attorney General in his defense of the action and a consent that the Attorney General shall conduct 16 the defense as he deems advisable and in the best interests 17 of the contractor and the State, including settlement in the 18 Attorney General's discretion. In any such proceeding, the 19 20 State shall pay the court costs and litigation expenses of 21 defending such action, to the extent approved by the Attorney 22 General as reasonable, as they are incurred.

In the event that the Attorney General determines either 23 24 (1) that so appearing and defending a contractor involves an actual or potential conflict of interest, or (2) that the act 25 or omission which gave rise to the claim was not within 26 the the State response action contract, or 27 scope of was 28 intentional, willful or wanton misconduct, the Attorney 29 General shall decline in writing to appear or defend or shall promptly take appropriate action to withdraw as attorney for 30 31 contractor. Upon receipt of such declination or such withdrawal by the Attorney General on the basis of an actual 32 or potential conflict of interest, the contractor may employ 33

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his own attorney to appear and defend, in which event the
 State shall pay the contractor's court costs, litigation
 expenses and attorneys' fees to the extent approved by the
 Attorney General as reasonable, as they are incurred.

5 (b) In any civil proceeding arising out of a State б response action contract in which notice was given to the 7 Attorney General under subsection (a), if the court or jury 8 finds that the act or omission of the response action 9 contractor was within the scope of the State response action contract and was not intentional, willful 10 or wanton 11 misconduct, the court shall so state in its judgement, and the State shall indemnify the contractor for any damages 12 awarded and court costs and attorneys' fees assessed as part 13 of the final and unreversed judgment. In such event, if 14 the 15 Attorney General declined to appear or withdrew on the 16 grounds that the act or omission was not within the scope of the State response action contract, or was intentional, 17 willful or wanton misconduct, the State shall also pay the 18 19 contractor's court costs, litigation expenses and attorneys fees to the extent approved by the Attorney General as 20 21 reasonable.

(c) Unless the Attorney General determines that the 22 23 conduct or inaction which gave rise to the claim or cause of action was not within the scope of the State response action 24 25 contract, or was intentional, willful or wanton misconduct, any case in which notice was given pursuant to subsection (a) 26 may be settled, in the Attorney General's discretion, and the 27 State shall indemnify the contractor for any damages, court 28 29 costs and attorneys' fees agreed to as part of the 30 settlement. If the contractor is represented by private counsel, any settlement which obligates the 31 State to 32 indemnify the contractor must be approved by the Attorney 33 General and the court having jurisdiction.

34 (d) Court costs and litigation expenses and other costs

1 of providing a defense, including attorneys' fees, paid or 2 under this Section, and the obligated costs of indemnification, including the payment of any final judgment 3 4 or final settlement under this Section, shall be paid by warrant from the Response Contractors Indemnification Fund 5 pursuant to vouchers certified by the Attorney General. 6

7 (e) Nothing contained or implied in this Section shall 8 operate, or be construed or applied, to deprive the State, or 9 any response action contractor, of any defense otherwise 10 available.

11 (f) Any judgment subject to State indemnification under 12 this Section shall not be enforceable against the response action contractor, but shall be paid by the State in the 13 following manner. Upon receipt of a certified copy of the 14 15 judgment, the Attorney General shall review it to determine 16 if the judgment is (1) final, unreversed and no longer subject to appeal, and (2) subject to indemnification under 17 this Section. If he determines that it is, he shall submit a 18 19 voucher for the amount of the judgment and any interest thereon to the State Comptroller, and the amount shall be 20 21 paid by warrant to the judgment creditor solely out of funds 22 available in the Response Contractors Indemnification Fund. 23 If--the--balance--in--such--Fund--is--insufficient-to-pay-any properly-certified-voucher-for-a-warrant-drawn--thereon,--the 24 25 Comptroller--shall--transfer-the-necessary-amount-to-the-Fund from-the-General-Revenue-Fund. In no event will the amount 26 27 paid for a single occurrence surpass \$100,000 \$2,000,000, provided-that-this-limitation-shall-not-render-any-portion-of 28 29 the--judgment--enforceable--against---the---response---action 30 contractor.

31 (Source: P.A. 84-1445.)

32 (415 ILCS 100/5) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 7205)
33 Sec. 5. Response Contractors Indemnification Fund.

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1 (a) There is hereby created the Response Contractors 2 Indemnification Fund. The State Treasurer, ex officio, shall 3 be custodian of the Fund, and the Comptroller shall direct 4 payments from the Fund upon vouchers properly certified by 5 the Attorney General in accordance with Section 4. The 6 Treasurer shall credit interest on the Fund to the Fund.

7 (b) Every State response action contract shall provide 8 that 5% of each payment to be made by the State under the 9 contract shall be paid by the State directly into the Response Contractors Indemnification Fund rather than to the 10 11 contractor, except that when there is at least \$100,000 more than--\$2,000,000 in the Fund at the beginning of a State 12 13 fiscal year, State response action contracts during that fiscal year need not provide that 5% of each payment made 14 15 under the contract be paid into the Fund. When only a 16 portion of a contract relates to a remedial or response identification, handling, 17 action, or to the storage, treatment or disposal of a pollutant, the contract shall 18 19 provide that only that portion is subject to this subsection. (c) Within 30 days after the effective date of this 20 1997, the Comptroller shall order 21 amendatory Act of transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer \$1,200,000 from 22 23 Contractors Indemnification Fund to the Response the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund. The Comptroller shall order 24 25 transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer \$1,200,000 from

26 the Response Contractors Indemnification Fund to the 27 Brownfields Redevelopment Fund on the first day of fiscal 28 years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, <u>and</u> 20037-20047-and-2005.

(d) Within 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the Response Contractors Indemnification Fund to the Asbestos Abatement Fund.

(e) Within 30 days after the effective date of this

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amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer all monies in the Response Action Contractor Indemnification Fund in excess of \$100,000 from the Response Action Contractor Indemnification Fund to the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund. (Source: P.A. 91-704, eff. 7-1-00; 92-486, eff. 1-1-02.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon8 becoming law.