

«Salute» «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»  
«Applicant»  
«Address\_1»  
«Address\_2»  
«City», «State» «Zip\_Code»

Re: Status of FPA Boundary Change  
«Applicant»

Dear «Salute» «Last\_Name»:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request for an amendment of the Illinois Water Quality Management Plan to reflect a proposed Facility Planning Area (FPA) boundary change and to inform you of recent changes in the FPA process.

For many years the Illinois EPA has had a policy of denying construction permits for sanitary sewers that would cross an FPA boundary and would require amendment of the FPA prior to the issuance of such a permit. The ability of the Illinois EPA to impose this policy has lately been challenged and our legal counsel has concluded that we lack the legal authority for its continuance. This means that the Illinois EPA will no longer deny a State construction permit based solely on that project's inconsistency with an FPA boundary.

Given that the current FPA boundaries no longer hinder your ability to secure a sewer extension permit, the Illinois EPA asks that you confirm that you wish us to proceed with reviewing your proposed FPA amendment request. Please confirm your request in writing within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter indicating that you would still like the Illinois EPA to make a decision concerning the proposed FPA amendment.

If you should have any questions, please contact Barb Lieberoff of Illinois EPA at 217/782-3362.

Sincerely,

Marcia T. Willhite  
Chief  
Bureau of Water

MTW:SCR. «Applicant»

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