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Report to Task Force on Inventorying Employment Restrictions

Illinois Pollution Control Board is under the jurisdiction of the Governor and CMS. The Board's hiring practices follow CMS rules and policies. The Board does not have its own polices, rules or practices regarding the restriction of employment based on criminal history. In addition, under the Environmental Protection Act the Board does not license, regulate, supervise, or fund any facilities, and it does not license or certify any occupations or professional practices.

The Board does not encounter employment restriction issues and does not find this to be an impact on hiring opportunities. The Board does not itself conduct criminal background checks. This is the responsibility of CMS for agencies under the Governor's Office. Newly-appointed employees submit a request for release of information (Form CMS-284), which CMS forwards to the Illinois State Police. CMS policy provides in pertinent part that "refusal by a new employee to complete and/or sign the CMS-284 shall have no adverse impact upon employment consideration and appointment."

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Thomas Holbrook, Chairman December 21, 2011

