

# **ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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## CERTIFIED MAIL # 7010 2780 0002 1163 7162 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John C. Pozzo Managing Supervising Engineer 1 Ameren Plaza 1901 Chouteau Ave. St. Louis, Mo 63103

## Re: Violation Notice: Ameren; Meredosia Generating Station Identification No.: 6288 Violation Notice No.: W-2012-00065

Dear Mr. Pozzo:

This constitutes a Violation Notice pursuant to Section 31(a)(1) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31(a)(1), and is based upon a review of available information and an investigation by representatives of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA").

The Illinois EPA hereby provides notice of alleged violations of environmental laws, regulations, or permits as set forth in Attachment A to this notice. Attachment A includes an explanation of the activities that the Illinois EPA believes may resolve the specified alleged violations. Due to the nature and seriousness of the alleged violations, please be advised that resolution of the violations may also require the involvement of a prosecutorial authority for purposes that may include, among others, the imposition of statutory penalties.

A written response, which may include a request for a meeting with representatives of the Illinois EPA, must be submitted via certified mail to the Illinois EPA within 45 days of receipt of this letter. If a meeting is requested, it shall be held within 60 days of receipt of this notice. The response must include information in rebuttal, explanation, or justification of each alleged violation and a statement indicating whether or not the facility wishes to enter into a Compliance Commitment Agreement ("CCA") pursuant to Section 31(a) of the Act. If the facility wishes to enter into a CCA, the written response must also include proposed terms for the CCA that includes dates for achieving each commitment and may include a statement that compliance has been achieved for some or all of the alleged violations. The proposed terms of the CCA should contain sufficient detail and must include steps to be taken to achieve compliance and the necessary dates by which compliance with an Agreement be achieved.

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The Illinois EPA will review the proposed terms for a CCA provided by the facility and, within 30 days of receipt, will respond with either a proposed CCA or a notice that no CCA will be issued by the Illinois EPA. If the Illinois EPA sends a proposed CCA, the facility must respond in writing by either agreeing to and signing the proposed CCA or by notifying the Illinois EPA that the facility rejects the terms of the proposed CCA.

If a timely written response to this Violation Notice is not provided, it shall be considered a waiver of the opportunity to respond and meet, and the Illinois EPA may proceed with referral to a prosecutorial authority.

Written communications should be directed to:

Illinois EPA – Division of Public Water Supplies Attn: Andrea Rhodes, CAS #19 P.O. BOX 19276 Springfield, IL 62794-9276

All communications must include reference to this Violation Notice number, W-2012-00065.

Questions regarding this Violation Notice should be directed to Andrea Rhodes at 217/785-0561.

Sincerely,

Michael Crumly

Manager, Compliance Assurance Section Division of Public Water Supplies Bureau of Water

Attachments

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#### ATTACHMENT A

## AMEREN, MEREDOSIA GENERATING STATION, ID: 6288 VIOLATION NOTICE NO. W-2012-00065:

A review of information available to the Illinois EPA indicates the following on-going violations of statutes, regulations, or permits. Included with each type of violation is an explanation of the activities that the Illinois EPA believes may resolve the violation.

#### Groundwater Quality

No person shall cause, threaten or allow the release of any contaminant to a resource groundwater such that: treatment or additional treatment is necessary to continue an existing use or to assure a potential use of such groundwater; or an existing or potential use of such groundwater is precluded. No person shall cause, threaten or allow the release of any contaminant to groundwater so as to cause a groundwater quality standard to be exceeded. Ameren must take actions to mitigate existing contamination and prevent the continuing release of contaminants into the environment.

### Violation

#### Description

Operations at ash impoundments have resulted in violations of the Groundwater Quality Standards at monitoring well APW-2 for the following constituents:

Parameter	Sample Value	GW Standard	Collection Date
pН	5.98 su	6.5-9.0 su	12/13/2010
Boron	3.6 mg/l	2.0 mg/l	03/26/2012
Boron	3.3 mg/l	2.0 mg/l	10/28/2011
Boron	2.8 mg/l	2.0 mg/l	09/15/2011
Boron	3.1 mg/l	2.0 mg/l	03/24/2011
Boron	2.11 mg/1	2.0 mg/l	12/13/2010
Manganese	0.91 mg/l	0.15 mg/l	03/26/2012
Manganese	0.79 mg/l	0.15 mg/l	10/28/2011
Manganese	0.82 mg/l	0.15 mg/l	09/15/2011
Manganese	0.48 mg/l	0.15 mg/l	03/24/2011
Manganese	0.931 mg/l	0.15 mg/l	12/13/2010

Rule/Reg. Section 12 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.115, 620.301, 620.401, 620.405, and 620.410.

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AMEREN, MEREDOSIA GENERATING STATION, ID:6288 VIOLATION NOTICE NO. W-2012-00065:

## Violation

## Description

Operations at ash impoundments have resulted in violations of the Groundwater Quality Standards at monitoring well APW-3 for the following constituents:

Parameter	Sample	Value	G₩	Stand	lard	Collection Date
Arsenic	0.19	mg/l		0.05	mg/l	03/26/2012
Arsenic	0.22	mg/l		0.05	mg/l	10/28/2011
Arsenic	0.21	mg/l		0.05	mg/l	09/15/2011
Arsenic	0.17	mg/l		0.05	mg/l	03/24/2011
Arsenic	0.148	mg/l		0.05	mg/l	12/13/2010
Boron	31	mg/l		2.0	mg/l	03/26/2012
Boron	35	mg/l		2.0	mg/l	10/28/2011
Boron	32	mg/l		2.0	mg/l	09/15/2011
Boron	28	mg/l		2.0	mg/l	03/24/2011
Boron	30.2	mg/l		2.0	mg/l	12/13/2010
Manganese	0.3	mg/l		0.15	mg/l	03/26/2012
Manganese	0.25	mg/l		0.15	mg/l	10/28/2011
Manganese	0.28	mg/l		0.15	mg/l	09/15/2011
Manganese	0.45	mg/l		0.15	mg/l	03/24/2011
Manganese	0.169	mg/l		0.15	mg/l	12/13/2010

Rule/Reg. Section 12 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.115, 620.301, 620.401, 620.405, and 620.410.

## Violation

## Description

Operations at ash impoundments have resulted in violations of the Groundwater Quality Standards at monitoring well APW-4 for the following constituents:

Parameter	Sample Valu	e GW Standard	Collection Date
рН	5.88 su	6.5-9.0 su	12/13/2010
Arsenic	0.18 mg/1	0.05 mg/l	10/28/2011
Arsenic	0.15 mg/1	0.05 mg/l	09/15/2011
Arsenic	0.053 mg/1	0.05 mg/l	12/13/2010
Boron	3.9 mg/l	2.0 mg/l	03/26/2012
Boron	6.3 mg/1	2.0 mg/l	10/28/2011
Boron	4.5 mg/1	2.0 mg/l	09/15/2011
Boron	2.55 mg/l	2.0 mg/l	12/13/2010
Iron	<b>14 mg/</b> 1	5.0 mg/1	03/26/2012
Iron	6.6 mg/l	5.0 mg/l	10/28/2011
Iron	5.9 mg/l	5.0 mg/1	09/15/2011

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AMEREN, MEREDOSIA GENERATING STATION, ID:6288 VIOLATION NOTICE NO. W-2012-00065:

## Violation Description

APW-4 continued

Parameter	Sample Value	GW Standard	Collection Date
Manganese	2.8 mg/1	0.15 mg/l	03/26/2012
Manganese	5.4 mg/l	0.15 mg/l	10/28/2011
Manganese	3.4 mg/l	0.15 mg/l	09/15/2011
Manganese	3.1 mg/l	0.15 mg/l	12/13/2010

Rule/Reg. Section 12 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.115, 620.301, 620.401, 620.405, and 620.410.

## Violation

## Description

Operations at ash impoundments have resulted in violations of the Groundwater Quality Standards at monitoring well APW-5 for the following constituents:

Parameter	Sample Value	GW Standard	Collection Date
рH	5.88 su	6.5-9.0 su	12/13/2010

Rule/Reg. Section 12 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.115, 620.301, 620.401, 620.405, and 620.410.