

1 AN ACT concerning environmental protection.

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

4 Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 39 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/39) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1039)

7 Sec. 39. Issuance of permits; procedures.

8 (a) When the Board has by regulation required a permit  
9 for the construction, installation, or operation of any type  
10 of facility, equipment, vehicle, vessel, or aircraft, the  
11 applicant shall apply to the Agency for such permit and it  
12 shall be the duty of the Agency to issue such a permit upon  
13 proof by the applicant that the facility, equipment, vehicle,  
14 vessel, or aircraft will not cause a violation of this Act or  
15 of regulations hereunder. The Agency shall adopt such  
16 procedures as are necessary to carry out its duties under  
17 this Section. In granting permits the Agency may impose such  
18 conditions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of  
19 this Act, and as are not inconsistent with the regulations  
20 promulgated by the Board hereunder. Except as otherwise  
21 provided in this Act, a bond or other security shall not be  
22 required as a condition for the issuance of a permit. If the  
23 Agency denies any permit under this Section, the Agency shall  
24 transmit to the applicant within the time limitations of this  
25 Section specific, detailed statements as to the reasons the  
26 permit application was denied. Such statements shall  
27 include, but not be limited to the following:

28 (i) the Sections of this Act which may be violated  
29 if the permit were granted;

30 (ii) the provision of the regulations, promulgated  
31 under this Act, which may be violated if the permit were

1 granted;

2 (iii) the specific type of information, if any,  
3 which the Agency deems the applicant did not provide the  
4 Agency; and

5 (iv) a statement of specific reasons why the Act  
6 and the regulations might not be met if the permit were  
7 granted.

8 If there is no final action by the Agency within 90 days  
9 after the filing of the application for permit, the applicant  
10 may deem the permit issued; except that this time period  
11 shall be extended to 180 days when (1) notice and  
12 opportunity for public hearing are required by State or  
13 federal law or regulation, (2) the application which was  
14 filed is for any permit to develop a landfill subject to  
15 issuance pursuant to this subsection, or (3) the application  
16 that was filed is for a MSWLF unit required to issue public  
17 notice under subsection (p) of Section 39.

18 The Agency shall publish notice of all final permit  
19 determinations for development permits for MSWLF units and  
20 for significant permit modifications for lateral expansions  
21 for existing MSWLF units one time in a newspaper of general  
22 circulation in the county in which the unit is or is proposed  
23 to be located.

24 After January 1, 1994 and until July 1, 1998, operating  
25 permits issued under this Section by the Agency for sources  
26 of air pollution permitted to emit less than 25 tons per year  
27 of any combination of regulated air pollutants, as defined in  
28 Section 39.5 of this Act, shall be required to be renewed  
29 only upon written request by the Agency consistent with  
30 applicable provisions of this Act and regulations promulgated  
31 hereunder. Such operating permits shall expire 180 days  
32 after the date of such a request. The Board shall revise its  
33 regulations for the existing State air pollution operating  
34 permit program consistent with this provision by January 1,

1 1994.

2 After June 30, 1998, operating permits issued under this  
3 Section by the Agency for sources of air pollution that are  
4 not subject to Section 39.5 of this Act and are not required  
5 to have a federally enforceable State operating permit shall  
6 be required to be renewed only upon written request by the  
7 Agency consistent with applicable provisions of this Act and  
8 its rules. Such operating permits shall expire 180 days  
9 after the date of such a request. Before July 1, 1998, the  
10 Board shall revise its rules for the existing State air  
11 pollution operating permit program consistent with this  
12 paragraph and shall adopt rules that require a source to  
13 demonstrate that it qualifies for a permit under this  
14 paragraph.

15 (b) The Agency may issue NPDES permits exclusively under  
16 this subsection for the discharge of contaminants from point  
17 sources into navigable waters, all as defined in the Federal  
18 Water Pollution Control Act, as now or hereafter amended,  
19 within the jurisdiction of the State, or into any well.

20 All NPDES permits shall contain those terms and  
21 conditions, including but not limited to schedules of  
22 compliance, which may be required to accomplish the purposes  
23 and provisions of this Act.

24 The Agency may issue general NPDES permits for discharges  
25 from categories of point sources which are subject to the  
26 same permit limitations and conditions. Such general permits  
27 may be issued without individual applications and shall  
28 conform to regulations promulgated under Section 402 of the  
29 Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as now or hereafter  
30 amended.

31 The Agency may include, among such conditions, effluent  
32 limitations and other requirements established under this  
33 Act, Board regulations, the Federal Water Pollution Control  
34 Act, as now or hereafter amended, and regulations pursuant

1 thereto, and schedules for achieving compliance therewith at  
2 the earliest reasonable date.

3 The Agency shall adopt filing requirements and procedures  
4 which are necessary and appropriate for the issuance of NPDES  
5 permits, and which are consistent with the Act or regulations  
6 adopted by the Board, and with the Federal Water Pollution  
7 Control Act, as now or hereafter amended, and regulations  
8 pursuant thereto.

9 The Agency, subject to any conditions which may be  
10 prescribed by Board regulations, may issue NPDES permits to  
11 allow discharges beyond deadlines established by this Act or  
12 by regulations of the Board without the requirement of a  
13 variance, subject to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act,  
14 as now or hereafter amended, and regulations pursuant  
15 thereto.

16 (c) Except for those facilities owned or operated by  
17 sanitary districts organized under the Metropolitan Water  
18 Reclamation District Act, no permit for the development or  
19 construction of a new pollution control facility may be  
20 granted by the Agency unless the applicant submits proof to  
21 the Agency that the location of the facility has been  
22 approved by the County Board of the county if in an  
23 unincorporated area, or the governing body of the  
24 municipality when in an incorporated area, in which the  
25 facility is to be located in accordance with Section 39.2 of  
26 this Act.

27 In the event that siting approval granted pursuant to  
28 Section 39.2 has been transferred to a subsequent owner or  
29 operator, that subsequent owner or operator may apply to the  
30 Agency for, and the Agency may grant, a development or  
31 construction permit for the facility for which local siting  
32 approval was granted. Upon application to the Agency for a  
33 development or construction permit by that subsequent owner  
34 or operator, the permit applicant shall cause written notice

1 of the permit application to be served upon the appropriate  
2 county board or governing body of the municipality that  
3 granted siting approval for that facility and upon any party  
4 to the siting proceeding pursuant to which siting approval  
5 was granted. In that event, the Agency shall conduct an  
6 evaluation of the subsequent owner or operator's prior  
7 experience in waste management operations in the manner  
8 conducted under subsection (i) of Section 39 of this Act.

9 Beginning August 20, 1993, if the pollution control  
10 facility consists of a hazardous or solid waste disposal  
11 facility for which the proposed site is located in an  
12 unincorporated area of a county with a population of less  
13 than 100,000 and includes all or a portion of a parcel of  
14 land that was, on April 1, 1993, adjacent to a municipality  
15 having a population of less than 5,000, then the local siting  
16 review required under this subsection (c) in conjunction with  
17 any permit applied for after that date shall be performed by  
18 the governing body of that adjacent municipality rather than  
19 the county board of the county in which the proposed site is  
20 located; and for the purposes of that local siting review,  
21 any references in this Act to the county board shall be  
22 deemed to mean the governing body of that adjacent  
23 municipality; provided, however, that the provisions of this  
24 paragraph shall not apply to any proposed site which was, on  
25 April 1, 1993, owned in whole or in part by another  
26 municipality.

27 In the case of a pollution control facility for which a  
28 development permit was issued before November 12, 1981, if an  
29 operating permit has not been issued by the Agency prior to  
30 August 31, 1989 for any portion of the facility, then the  
31 Agency may not issue or renew any development permit nor  
32 issue an original operating permit for any portion of such  
33 facility unless the applicant has submitted proof to the  
34 Agency that the location of the facility has been approved by

1 the appropriate county board or municipal governing body  
2 pursuant to Section 39.2 of this Act.

3 After January 1, 1994, if a solid waste disposal  
4 facility, any portion for which an operating permit has been  
5 issued by the Agency, has not accepted waste disposal for 5  
6 or more consecutive calendar years, before that facility may  
7 accept any new or additional waste for disposal, the owner  
8 and operator must obtain a new operating permit under this  
9 Act for that facility unless the owner and operator have  
10 applied to the Agency for a permit authorizing the temporary  
11 suspension of waste acceptance. The Agency may not issue a  
12 new operation permit under this Act for the facility unless  
13 the applicant has submitted proof to the Agency that the  
14 location of the facility has been approved or re-approved by  
15 the appropriate county board or municipal governing body  
16 under Section 39.2 of this Act after the facility ceased  
17 accepting waste.

18 Except for those facilities owned or operated by sanitary  
19 districts organized under the Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
20 District Act, and except for new pollution control facilities  
21 governed by Section 39.2, and except for fossil fuel mining  
22 facilities, the granting of a permit under this Act shall not  
23 relieve the applicant from meeting and securing all necessary  
24 zoning approvals from the unit of government having zoning  
25 jurisdiction over the proposed facility.

26 Before beginning construction on any new sewage treatment  
27 plant or sludge drying site to be owned or operated by a  
28 sanitary district organized under the Metropolitan Water  
29 Reclamation District Act for which a new permit (rather than  
30 the renewal or amendment of an existing permit) is required,  
31 such sanitary district shall hold a public hearing within the  
32 municipality within which the proposed facility is to be  
33 located, or within the nearest community if the proposed  
34 facility is to be located within an unincorporated area, at

1 which information concerning the proposed facility shall be  
2 made available to the public, and members of the public shall  
3 be given the opportunity to express their views concerning  
4 the proposed facility.

5 The Agency may issue a permit for a municipal waste  
6 transfer station without requiring approval pursuant to  
7 Section 39.2 provided that the following demonstration is  
8 made:

9 (1) the municipal waste transfer station was in  
10 existence on or before January 1, 1979 and was in  
11 continuous operation from January 1, 1979 to January 1,  
12 1993;

13 (2) the operator submitted a permit application to  
14 the Agency to develop and operate the municipal waste  
15 transfer station during April of 1994;

16 (3) the operator can demonstrate that the county  
17 board of the county, if the municipal waste transfer  
18 station is in an unincorporated area, or the governing  
19 body of the municipality, if the station is in an  
20 incorporated area, does not object to resumption of the  
21 operation of the station; and

22 (4) the site has local zoning approval.

23 (d) The Agency may issue RCRA permits exclusively under  
24 this subsection to persons owning or operating a facility for  
25 the treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste as  
26 defined under this Act.

27 All RCRA permits shall contain those terms and  
28 conditions, including but not limited to schedules of  
29 compliance, which may be required to accomplish the purposes  
30 and provisions of this Act. The Agency may include among  
31 such conditions standards and other requirements established  
32 under this Act, Board regulations, the Resource Conservation  
33 and Recovery Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-580), as amended, and  
34 regulations pursuant thereto, and may include schedules for

1 achieving compliance therewith as soon as possible. The  
2 Agency shall require that a performance bond or other  
3 security be provided as a condition for the issuance of a  
4 RCRA permit.

5 In the case of a permit to operate a hazardous waste or  
6 PCB incinerator as defined in subsection (k) of Section 44,  
7 the Agency shall require, as a condition of the permit, that  
8 the operator of the facility perform such analyses of the  
9 waste to be incinerated as may be necessary and appropriate  
10 to ensure the safe operation of the incinerator.

11 The Agency shall adopt filing requirements and procedures  
12 which are necessary and appropriate for the issuance of RCRA  
13 permits, and which are consistent with the Act or regulations  
14 adopted by the Board, and with the Resource Conservation and  
15 Recovery Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-580), as amended, and  
16 regulations pursuant thereto.

17 The applicant shall make available to the public for  
18 inspection all documents submitted by the applicant to the  
19 Agency in furtherance of an application, with the exception  
20 of trade secrets, at the office of the county board or  
21 governing body of the municipality. Such documents may be  
22 copied upon payment of the actual cost of reproduction during  
23 regular business hours of the local office. The Agency shall  
24 issue a written statement concurrent with its grant or denial  
25 of the permit explaining the basis for its decision.

26 (e) The Agency may issue UIC permits exclusively under  
27 this subsection to persons owning or operating a facility for  
28 the underground injection of contaminants as defined under  
29 this Act.

30 All UIC permits shall contain those terms and conditions,  
31 including but not limited to schedules of compliance, which  
32 may be required to accomplish the purposes and provisions of  
33 this Act. The Agency may include among such conditions  
34 standards and other requirements established under this Act,



1 Board regulations, the Safe Drinking Water Act (P.L. 93-523),  
2 as amended, and regulations pursuant thereto, and may include  
3 schedules for achieving compliance therewith. The Agency  
4 shall require that a performance bond or other security be  
5 provided as a condition for the issuance of a UIC permit.

6 The Agency shall adopt filing requirements and procedures  
7 which are necessary and appropriate for the issuance of UIC  
8 permits, and which are consistent with the Act or regulations  
9 adopted by the Board, and with the Safe Drinking Water Act  
10 (P.L. 93-523), as amended, and regulations pursuant thereto.

11 The applicant shall make available to the public for  
12 inspection, all documents submitted by the applicant to the  
13 Agency in furtherance of an application, with the exception  
14 of trade secrets, at the office of the county board or  
15 governing body of the municipality. Such documents may be  
16 copied upon payment of the actual cost of reproduction during  
17 regular business hours of the local office. The Agency shall  
18 issue a written statement concurrent with its grant or denial  
19 of the permit explaining the basis for its decision.

20 (f) In making any determination pursuant to Section 9.1  
21 of this Act:

22 (1) The Agency shall have authority to make the  
23 determination of any question required to be determined  
24 by the Clean Air Act, as now or hereafter amended, this  
25 Act, or the regulations of the Board, including the  
26 determination of the Lowest Achievable Emission Rate,  
27 Maximum Achievable Control Technology, or Best Available  
28 Control Technology, consistent with the Board's  
29 regulations, if any.

30 (2) The Agency shall, after conferring with the  
31 applicant, give written notice to the applicant of its  
32 proposed decision on the application including the terms  
33 and conditions of the permit to be issued and the facts,  
34 conduct or other basis upon which the Agency will rely to

1 support its proposed action.

2 (3) Following such notice, the Agency shall give  
3 the applicant an opportunity for a hearing in accordance  
4 with the provisions of Sections 10-25 through 10-60 of  
5 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

6 (g) The Agency shall include as conditions upon all  
7 permits issued for hazardous waste disposal sites such  
8 restrictions upon the future use of such sites as are  
9 reasonably necessary to protect public health and the  
10 environment, including permanent prohibition of the use of  
11 such sites for purposes which may create an unreasonable risk  
12 of injury to human health or to the environment. After  
13 administrative and judicial challenges to such restrictions  
14 have been exhausted, the Agency shall file such restrictions  
15 of record in the Office of the Recorder of the county in  
16 which the hazardous waste disposal site is located.

17 (h) A hazardous waste stream may not be deposited in a  
18 permitted hazardous waste site unless specific authorization  
19 is obtained from the Agency by the generator and disposal  
20 site owner and operator for the deposit of that specific  
21 hazardous waste stream. The Agency may grant specific  
22 authorization for disposal of hazardous waste streams only  
23 after the generator has reasonably demonstrated that,  
24 considering technological feasibility and economic  
25 reasonableness, the hazardous waste cannot be reasonably  
26 recycled for reuse, nor incinerated or chemically, physically  
27 or biologically treated so as to neutralize the hazardous  
28 waste and render it nonhazardous. In granting authorization  
29 under this Section, the Agency may impose such conditions as  
30 may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Act and  
31 are consistent with this Act and regulations promulgated by  
32 the Board hereunder. If the Agency refuses to grant  
33 authorization under this Section, the applicant may appeal as  
34 if the Agency refused to grant a permit, pursuant to the

1 provisions of subsection (a) of Section 40 of this Act. For  
2 purposes of this subsection (h), the term "generator" has the  
3 meaning given in Section 3.12 of this Act, unless: (1) the  
4 hazardous waste is treated, incinerated, or partially  
5 recycled for reuse prior to disposal, in which case the last  
6 person who treats, incinerates, or partially recycles the  
7 hazardous waste prior to disposal is the generator; or (2)  
8 the hazardous waste is from a response action, in which case  
9 the person performing the response action is the generator.  
10 This subsection (h) does not apply to any hazardous waste  
11 that is restricted from land disposal under 35 Ill. Adm. Code  
12 728.

13 (i) Before issuing any RCRA permit or any permit for a  
14 waste storage site, sanitary landfill, waste disposal site,  
15 waste transfer station, waste treatment facility, waste  
16 incinerator, or any waste-transportation operation, the  
17 Agency shall conduct an evaluation of the prospective owner's  
18 or operator's prior experience in waste management  
19 operations. The Agency may deny such a permit if the  
20 prospective owner or operator or any employee or officer of  
21 the prospective owner or operator has a history of:

22 (1) repeated violations of federal, State, or local  
23 laws, regulations, standards, or ordinances in the  
24 operation of waste management facilities or sites; or

25 (2) conviction in this or another State of any  
26 crime which is a felony under the laws of this State, or  
27 conviction of a felony in a federal court; or

28 (3) proof of gross carelessness or incompetence in  
29 handling, storing, processing, transporting or disposing  
30 of waste.

31 (j) The issuance under this Act of a permit to engage in  
32 the surface mining of any resources other than fossil fuels  
33 shall not relieve the permittee from its duty to comply with  
34 any applicable local law regulating the commencement,

1 location or operation of surface mining facilities.

2 (k) A development permit issued under subsection (a) of  
3 Section 39 for any facility or site which is required to have  
4 a permit under subsection (d) of Section 21 shall expire at  
5 the end of 2 calendar years from the date upon which it was  
6 issued, unless within that period the applicant has taken  
7 action to develop the facility or the site. In the event that  
8 review of the conditions of the development permit is sought  
9 pursuant to Section 40 or 41, or permittee is prevented from  
10 commencing development of the facility or site by any other  
11 litigation beyond the permittee's control, such two-year  
12 period shall be deemed to begin on the date upon which such  
13 review process or litigation is concluded.

14 (k-5) A development or construction permit issued  
15 pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section for a facility or  
16 site that is required to have a permit under subsection (d)  
17 of Section 21 of this Act for a waste-disposal operation  
18 shall expire at the end of 10 calendar years after the date  
19 upon which it was issued if that facility (i) was exempt from  
20 obtaining local siting approval pursuant to Section 39.2 of  
21 this Act at the time the development or construction permit  
22 for that facility was issued by the Agency and (ii) has not  
23 lawfully received waste pursuant to an operating permit  
24 issued by the Agency within that 10-year period.

25 (l) No permit shall be issued by the Agency under this  
26 Act for construction or operation of any facility or site  
27 located within the boundaries of any setback zone established  
28 pursuant to this Act, where such construction or operation is  
29 prohibited.

30 (m) The Agency may issue permits to persons owning or  
31 operating a facility for composting landscape waste. In  
32 granting such permits, the Agency may impose such conditions  
33 as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act,  
34 and as are not inconsistent with applicable regulations

1 promulgated by the Board. Except as otherwise provided in  
2 this Act, a bond or other security shall not be required as a  
3 condition for the issuance of a permit. If the Agency denies  
4 any permit pursuant to this subsection, the Agency shall  
5 transmit to the applicant within the time limitations of this  
6 subsection specific, detailed statements as to the reasons  
7 the permit application was denied. Such statements shall  
8 include but not be limited to the following:

9 (1) the Sections of this Act that may be violated  
10 if the permit were granted;

11 (2) the specific regulations promulgated pursuant  
12 to this Act that may be violated if the permit were  
13 granted;

14 (3) the specific information, if any, the Agency  
15 deems the applicant did not provide in its application to  
16 the Agency; and

17 (4) a statement of specific reasons why the Act and  
18 the regulations might be violated if the permit were  
19 granted.

20 If no final action is taken by the Agency within 90 days  
21 after the filing of the application for permit, the applicant  
22 may deem the permit issued. Any applicant for a permit may  
23 waive the 90 day limitation by filing a written statement  
24 with the Agency.

25 The Agency shall issue permits for such facilities upon  
26 receipt of an application that includes a legal description  
27 of the site, a topographic map of the site drawn to the scale  
28 of 200 feet to the inch or larger, a description of the  
29 operation, including the area served, an estimate of the  
30 volume of materials to be processed, and documentation that:

31 (1) the facility includes a setback of at least 200  
32 feet from the nearest potable water supply well;

33 (2) the facility is located outside the boundary of  
34 the 10-year floodplain or the site will be floodproofed;

1           (3) the facility is located so as to minimize  
2           incompatibility with the character of the surrounding  
3           area, including at least a 200 foot setback from any  
4           residence, and in the case of a facility that is  
5           developed or the permitted composting area of which is  
6           expanded after November 17, 1991, the composting area is  
7           located at least 1/8 mile from the nearest residence  
8           (other than a residence located on the same property as  
9           the facility);

10          (4) the design of the facility will prevent any  
11          compost material from being placed within 5 feet of the  
12          water table, will adequately control runoff from the  
13          site, and will collect and manage any leachate that is  
14          generated on the site;

15          (5) the operation of the facility will include  
16          appropriate dust and odor control measures, limitations  
17          on operating hours, appropriate noise control measures  
18          for shredding, chipping and similar equipment, management  
19          procedures for composting, containment and disposal of  
20          non-compostable wastes, procedures to be used for  
21          terminating operations at the site, and recordkeeping  
22          sufficient to document the amount of materials received,  
23          composted and otherwise disposed of; and

24          (6) the operation will be conducted in accordance  
25          with any applicable rules adopted by the Board.

26          The Agency shall issue renewable permits of not longer  
27          than 10 years in duration for the composting of landscape  
28          wastes, as defined in Section 3.70 of this Act, based on the  
29          above requirements.

30          The operator of any facility permitted under this  
31          subsection (m) must submit a written annual statement to the  
32          Agency on or before April 1 of each year that includes an  
33          estimate of the amount of material, in tons, received for  
34          composting.

1           (n) The Agency shall issue permits jointly with the  
2 Department of Transportation for the dredging or deposit of  
3 material in Lake Michigan in accordance with Section 18 of  
4 the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.

5           (o) From September 4, 1990 until December 31, 1993, no  
6 permit shall be issued by the Agency for the development or  
7 construction of any new facility intended to be used for the  
8 incineration of any hazardous waste. This subsection shall  
9 not apply to facilities intended for use for combustion of  
10 potentially infectious medical waste, for use as part of a  
11 State or federally designated clean-up action, or for use  
12 solely for the conduct of research and the development and  
13 demonstration of technologies for the incineration of  
14 hazardous waste.

15           (p) (1) Any person submitting an application for a  
16 permit for a new MSWLF unit or for a lateral expansion under  
17 subsection (t) of Section 21 of this Act for an existing  
18 MSWLF unit that has not received and is not subject to local  
19 siting approval under Section 39.2 of this Act shall publish  
20 notice of the application in a newspaper of general  
21 circulation in the county in which the MSWLF unit is or is  
22 proposed to be located. The notice must be published at  
23 least 15 days before submission of the permit application to  
24 the Agency. The notice shall state the name and address of  
25 the applicant, the location of the MSWLF unit or proposed  
26 MSWLF unit, the nature and size of the MSWLF unit or proposed  
27 MSWLF unit, the nature of the activity proposed, the probable  
28 life of the proposed activity, the date the permit  
29 application will be submitted, and a statement that persons  
30 may file written comments with the Agency concerning the  
31 permit application within 30 days after the filing of the  
32 permit application unless the time period to submit comments  
33 is extended by the Agency.

34           When a permit applicant submits information to the Agency

1 to supplement a permit application being reviewed by the  
2 Agency, the applicant shall not be required to reissue the  
3 notice under this subsection.

4 (2) The Agency shall accept written comments concerning  
5 the permit application that are postmarked no later than 30  
6 days after the filing of the permit application, unless the  
7 time period to accept comments is extended by the Agency.

8 (3) Each applicant for a permit described in part (1) of  
9 this subsection shall file a copy of the permit application  
10 with the county board or governing body of the municipality  
11 in which the MSWLF unit is or is proposed to be located at  
12 the same time the application is submitted to the Agency.  
13 The permit application filed with the county board or  
14 governing body of the municipality shall include all  
15 documents submitted to or to be submitted to the Agency,  
16 except trade secrets as determined under Section 7.1 of this  
17 Act. The permit application and other documents on file with  
18 the county board or governing body of the municipality shall  
19 be made available for public inspection during regular  
20 business hours at the office of the county board or the  
21 governing body of the municipality and may be copied upon  
22 payment of the actual cost of reproduction.

23 (Source: P.A. 89-487, eff. 6-21-96; 89-556, eff. 7-26-96;  
24 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 90-367, eff. 8-10-97; 90-537, eff.  
25 11-26-97; 90-655, eff 7-30-98.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
27 becoming law.