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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN: IROQUOIS COUNTY SWINE FACILITY FINED FOR POLLUTING SPRING CREEK, KILLING THOUSANDS OF FISH

Springfield — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced an agreement with an Iroquois County swine facility that illegally discharged livestock waste in Spring Creek, which killed more than 110,000 fish across more than 19 miles of the creek and a tributary.

The consent order, filed today in Circuit Court of Iroquois County, partially resolves an amended complaint filed in February 2010 by Attorney General Madigan. R3E, LLC, located at 985N 200E Road, Iroquois County, must pay \$17,500 in civil penalties to the Illinois EPA's Environmental Protection Trust Fund and \$63,782 to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the value of the aquatic life destroyed by waste discharge.

"We value the vast natural resources we have here in Illinois," said Attorney General Madigan. "It is critical that we protect our water and wildlife and ensure that these precious resources are restored whenever they have been polluted."

Senior Assistant Attorney General Jane McBride is handling the case for Attorney General Madigan's Environmental Bureau in Springfield. The Attorney General's office continues to pursue natural resource damage claims for the costs of restoring the stream.

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