

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
August 6, 1987

CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, )  
 )  
 Petitioner, )  
 )  
 v. ) PCB 86-152  
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 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL )  
 PROTECTION AGENCY, )  
 )  
 Respondent. )

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by R.C. Flemal):

On July 10, 1987, Chanute Air Force Base ("Chanute") filed a request that the variance granted by the Board in this matter on January 8, 1987, be amended to expire on December 31, 1987. The variance is currently scheduled to expire on September 30, 1987.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Agency") recommended that the original variance be granted. The Agency has not responded to the instant filing.

Chanute presently operates its own sewage treatment facility. However, Chanute will in the future contribute its wastes to the Rantoul Regional Sewage Treatment Plant, and thereafter close its own plant. At the time of the original pleadings in this matter, the Rantoul Regional Sewage Treatment Plant was scheduled to be fully operational by late summer or early fall 1987. Chanute now contends that the plant will not be fully operational until December 1987, and that Chanute will therefore need to continue operation of its own plant until that time.

In its January 8, 1987, Opinion and Order the Board found that Chanute would suffer arbitrary or unreasonable hardship if denied variance relief, and that such hardship would not be justified by the environmental impact of Chanute's discharge. There have been no apparent changes in the facts which would cause the Board to alter this finding for the short-term extension which is requested. Accordingly, the extension is granted.

For the purpose of maintaining here a current record of this matter, the variance and its conditions, as today amended, are repeated below. Chanute should note the need to certify acceptance of the amended variance.

AMENDED VARIANCE

Chanute Air Force Base is hereby granted variance from the Five-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand ("BOD<sub>5</sub>") and Suspended Solids ("TSS") limitations of 35 Ill. Adm. Code Section 304.120, subject to the following conditions:

1. Variance shall expire on December 31, 1987, or upon completion of the Rantoul regional STP achieving operational status, whichever occurs first;
2. Petitioner's effluent shall be limited to 20 mg/l BOD<sub>5</sub> as a monthly average, and 25 mg/l TSS, also as a monthly average;
3. Petitioner shall continue its participation in the Rantoul regional STP and shall do everything in its power to assure its completion in as timely a manner as possible;
4. Chanute shall comply with all efforts to minimize any adverse environmental effects occasioned by this variance, including items 16(a) through 16(e) of the Petition for Variance.

Within forty-five days after this date, Petitioner shall execute and send to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Attention: James Frost  
Division of Water Pollution Control  
Compliance Assurance Section  
2200 Churchill Road  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

a certificate of acceptance of this variance by which it agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions. This forty-five day period shall be held in abeyance for any period during which this matter is appealed. The form of the certification shall be as follows:

CERTIFICATION

I, (We), \_\_\_\_\_, having read the Order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, in PCB 86-152, dated August 6, 1987, understand and accept the said Order, realizing that such acceptance renders all terms and conditions thereto binding and enforceable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

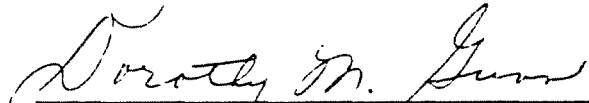
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By: Authorized Agent

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Title

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Date

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1987, by a vote of 6-0.

  
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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board