

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
December 18, 1986

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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THE JOINT PETITION OF THE CITY) PCB 85-219
OF WATSEKA AND THE ILLINOIS)
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)
FOR EXCEPTION TO THE COMBINED)
SEWER OVERFLOW REGULATIONS)

INTERIM ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.D. Dumelle):

This matter comes before the Board upon a December 30, 1985, joint petition filed by the City of Watseka (Watseka) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) seeking an exception to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 306.305(a) and (b) of the Board's combined sewer overflow (CSO) regulations. A public hearing was held on March 25, 1986, in Watseka. The Board received additional information from the petitioners on August 8, 1986.

The Board has reviewed the record in this proceeding including the additional information filed on August 8, 1986 and requests that Watseka and the Agency answer each of the following questions:

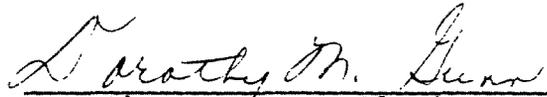
1. The Board notes that the proposed CSO-related improvements are to be constructed in a phased approach over approximately a twenty year period. Would the Agency and Watseka provide the Board with an approximate cost-breakdown of the CSO-related construction in each phase of the proposal and the user charge component attributable to these improvements?
2. Referring to the additional information submitted on August 8, 1986, the Board notes that a Step I Grant was referenced. Would the Agency and Watseka be more specific on the amount of grant monies received and what the monies were used for?
3. Also, referring to the August 8, 1986 submission, the Board notes that a revolving loan program was referenced. Would the Agency and Watseka provide more specifics on this program and provide an estimate of the amount of money to be saved by Watseka by the CSO-aspect of this program?
4. Section 306.361(b) of the Board's water pollution regulations provide that "[w]here a minimal impact exception justification cannot be established ..., or

where an exception will include modification of otherwise applicable water quality standards, an exception justification shall include" various evaluations including stream sediment analyses, biological surveys and a stream chemical analysis. Is the Agency and Watseka asserting that the CSO-related impacts on the Iroquois River and Sugar Creek are minimal? if so, please explain in detail; or, is it a situation under 306.361(d) where the practicalities of the situation are such that further evaluations of the water quality impacts of Watseka's CSOs on the receiving streams are too expensive in relation to the relevancy of the data to be obtained even though such impacts may not be minimal? if so, please explain in detail.

This information shall be submitted to the Board within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Interim Order was adopted on the 18th day of December, 1986 by a vote of 6-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board