ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 6, 1975

In the Matter of:	)	
AIR QUALITY MAINTENANCE AREA DESIGNATIONS	)	R74-6

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Dumelle):

Three hearings have been held in the proceeding R74-6 on September 16, 1974 in Chicago, on October 8, 1974 in Peoria, and on October 15, 1974 in Edwardsville. This proceeding would designate the areas for which air quality maintenance plans must be prepared by June 30, 1975.

The areas to be designated have as their data base 1973 air quality data and 1973 emission inventory data (R. 24). The methods used have been criticized by some witnesses as being too "rough" or too approximate.

1974 air quality data should now be available (and perhaps also 1974 air emission inventory data). Since it appears that a Federal Regulation to be issued this month will postpone the June 30, 1975 mandatory date, we think it best for the Environmental Protection Agency to update its computations using 1974 data and, if possible, more sophisticated modeling. Two years of data are better than one. In addition the high oxidant levels experienced in 1974 can be taken into account.

This proceeding will be deferred until May 15, 1975. The Agency will update its computations using 1974 data and make them available to the public by suitable means and submit them to the Board prior to this date. The Board will then schedule a final hearing dealing with the updated material. If additional time is needed by the Agency it can be requested from the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Order was adopted on the 6th day of February, 1975 by a vote of 4-0.

Christan L. Moffett
Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board