

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 18, 1972

In the matter of)
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PETITION FOR VARIANCE BY) PCB 72-74
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE)
COUNTY OF WABASH, ILLINOIS)

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OPINION OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Dumelle)

This opinion is being adopted in support of the order previously entered herein on June 29, 1972.

This is a petition for variance filed by the Housing Authority to allow it to connect a proposed housing project to the existing City of Mt. Carmel sanitary sewer system. Hearing was held on June 7, 1972.

The project would consist of 44 single family houses under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Assistance, Home Ownership Program for Low Income Families. The expected completion date would be during the summer of 1973. The new houses will replace 42 existing substandard houses which will be demolished by City authorities, thus resulting in a net increase of waste water from only two single family houses.

The Mt. Carmel sewage treatment plant is reported to consist of a primary clarifier and a pumping station and discharges a highly unsatisfactory effluent to Great House Creek. Preliminary approval of proposed upgraded facilities was given by the Agency on March 23, 1972.

We concur with the Agency recommendation and will grant the variance based upon the fact that the existing housing is substandard and also that there will be a net increase of waste water from only two single family houses over and above the present total number. We feel that under these circumstances the need to replace and upgrade the current substandard houses far outweighs the net increase of waste water from only two additional houses.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Opinion was adopted on the 18th day of July, 1972 by a vote of 4-0.


Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board