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ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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ABBOTT LABORATORIES' PROPOSED)	R08-8
SITE SPECIFIC AMENDMENT TO)	(Rulemaking - Air)
APPLICABILITY SECTION OF ORGANIC)	
MATERIAL EMISSION STANDARDS AND)	
LIMITATIONS FOR THE CHICAGO AREA;)	
SUBPART T: PHARMACEUTICAL)	
MANUFACTURING (35 ILL. ADM. CODE)	
218.480(b)))	

HEARING REPORT

On September 4, 2007, Abbott Laboratories (Abbott) filed a proposal for site-specific rulemaking pursuant to Section 28 of Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/28 (2006)), to allow it "additional operational flexibility" with regard to emissions from certain tunnel dryers and fluid bed dryers at its pharmaceutical manufacturing facility located in Libertyville Township, Lake County.

Hearing was held in Libertyville on March 7, 2008., beginning at 1:00 p.m. Both the technical justification and economic impact of the proposed rules were addressed at this hearing..

Abbott, represented by Katherine D. Hodge, presented testimony of Abbott Employees Diane Beno and Robert C. Wells. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency), represented by Charles Matoesian, presented no testimony. But, the Agency did make available one of its engineers, Yoginder Mahajan, to answer questions prefled by the Board in a March 4, 2008 hearing officer order.

No members of the public were present at hearing. Six exhibits were presented at hearing, as reflected in the exhibit list attached to this order. The hearing officer granted Abbott's February 29, 2008 motion to amend exhibit 3 as well as its motion to amend its proposal. Abbott stated that the United States Environmental Protection Agency had asked it to present to the Agency supporting emissions calculations for baseline years 1999 and 2000 data. Abbott will submit that data to the Board, as well as to the Agency, at the Agency's specific request. After consultation with the participants, the hearing officer set May 1, 2008 as the close of the post hearing comment period, specifically requesting that the Agency file a closing comment indicating its view of the proposal.

As stated at hearing, the Board will make every effort to expedite ruling on this proposal, once all closing comments are received. Participants are encouraged to timely submit comments.

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EXHIBIT LIST
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Abbott Laboratories' Proposed Site-Specific Amendment to Applicability Section of Organic Material Emission Standards and Limitations for the Chicago Area: Subpart T: Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.480(b))

Exhibits submitted at hearing March 7,2008

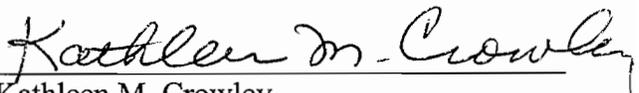
- Exhibit 1 Aerial Photograph of Abbott Park and Vicinity (single page)
- Exhibit 2 Improving Air Quality with Economic Incentive Programs, Doc. No.EPA-452/R01-001, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (January 2001)
- Exhibit 3 Revised Exhibit 3 (2/29/08) “Historical VOM Air Emissions from Tunnel Dryers and Fluid Bed Dryers at the Abbott Park Facility” (single page)
- Exhibit 4 Chart, “Granulation Process—Fluid Bed Drying” and “Granulation Process—Tunnel Drying” (single page)
- Exhibit 5 Pre-filed testimony of Robert C. Wells, Air Manager for Environmental Support, Abbott Laboratories Environmental Health and Safety Department (as filed with the Board February 22, 2008)
- Exhibit 6 March 4, 2008 Hearing Officer Order in R08-8 containing “Questions on Proposal and Pre-filed Testimony”

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that true copies of the foregoing order were mailed, first class, on March 28, 2008, to each of the persons on the attached service list.

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