

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR INFORMAL MEETING: November 16, 1970
189 West Madison Street; Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Kissel was absent conducting a hearing and Mr. Aldrich was not in attendance.

Mr. Currie first announced that the Board had received a motion to dismiss in #70-4, EPA v. Commonwealth Edison, and that Mr. Kissel advised that decision of the motion be postponed pending the outcome of the hearing on the merits. The Board members present agreed with that recommendation.

After preliminary discussion of EPA v. Cooling, #70-2, Mr. Lawton agreed to prepare a proposed opinion for Board consideration and for possible adoption at the November 24 meeting.


Mr. Currie raised the question whether the Board's effluent standards ought to forbid discharges to sewers as well as to the waters. Mr. Dumelle suggested that such a provision might weaken local responsibility and create enforcement problems for the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Currie suggested that the Board might adopt such standards and leave their enforcement largely to local agencies but that it was desirable to allow the possibility of direct action by the State against those who discharge pollutants to the sewers. Mr. Lawton added that local communities were looking for guidance on what rules ought to be enforced.

Mr. Dumelle observed that a recent article by a Mr. Copeland had described concentrations of selenium in Lake Michigan allegedly attributable to the burning of fossil fuels. He suggested that the Board contact Mr. Copeland and attempt to obtain further information. He also asked that Mr. Schneiderman of the Institute be invited to a Board meeting to discuss studies to be undertaken by the Institute for the benefit of the Board. Mr. Currie agreed to arrange such a meeting, possibly for November 30. Mr. Dumelle said that basin studies were needed to determine the maximum permissible pound loadings of various pollutants to various waters and that modeling of various waters was a necessary ingredient. Regulations based on permissible pound loadings, he said, were the next necessary step beyond the adoption of effluent standards based on concentrations.

Mr. Dumelle also raised the question of soil conservation practices, observing that no more than 30% of Illinois farms are following voluntary soil conservation plans with the SCS and asked whether the Board had power to require farmers to enter into such plans in order to minimize pollution from agricultural runoff. Mr. Currie responded that the Board certainly had power to order whatever was necessary in order to avoid pollution, and Mr. Dumelle suggested that the whole question of soil conservation in its relation to pollution be explored with Mr. Aldrich. With regard to recent complaints about excess airplane noise at O'Hare field, Mr. Dumelle observed that he had heard informally that it might be possible to muffle aircraft noise for an approximate cost of \$250,000 per plane.

Mr. Lawton then reported on projects under way in his office and on coming hearings for which he was hearing officer, and the meeting was adjourned.

I, Regina E. Ryan, certify that the Board has approved the above minutes this *9th* day of *December* 1970.


Regina E. Ryan
Clerk of the Board