

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 4, 1996

STEPAN COMPANY,)
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 Petitioner,)
)
 v.) PCB 96-138
) (UST-Appeal)
 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
 PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
 Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD:

On December 22, 1995, Stepan Company filed a petition for review of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Agency") November 17, 1995 final determination concerning petitioner's Physical Soil Classification Plan/Site Classification Completion Report. The final determination concerns Stepan's site located at 22 W. Frontage Road, Northfield, Cook County, Illinois. This matter is accepted for hearing.

The hearing must be scheduled and completed in a timely manner, consistent with Board practices. The Board will assign a hearing officer to conduct hearings consistent with this order, and the Clerk of the Board shall promptly issue appropriate directions to that assigned hearing officer.

The assigned hearing officer shall inform the Clerk of the Board of the time and location of the hearing at least 40 days in advance of hearing so that public notice of hearing may be published. After hearing, the hearing officer shall submit an exhibit list, a statement regarding credibility of witnesses and all actual exhibits to the Board within five days of the hearing. Any briefing schedule shall provide for final filings as expeditiously as possible and, in time-limited cases, no later than 30 days prior to the decision due date, which is the final regularly scheduled Board meeting date on or before the statutory or deferred decision deadline. Absent any future waivers of the decision deadline, the statutory decision deadline is now July 19, 1996; the Board meeting immediately preceding the decision deadline is scheduled for June 20, 1996.

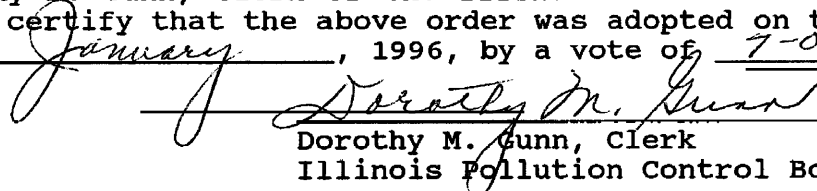
If after appropriate consultation with the parties, the parties fail to provide an acceptable hearing date or if after an attempt the hearing officer is unable to consult with the parties, the hearing officer shall unilaterally set a hearing date in conformance with the schedule above. The hearing officer and the parties are encouraged to expedite this proceeding as much as possible. The Board notes that Board rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code

105.102) require the Agency to file the entire Agency record of the reimbursement application within 14 days of notice of the petition.

This order will not appear in the Board's opinion volumes.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the 4th day of January, 1996, by a vote of 7-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board