ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

June 28, 1971

AMERICAN STEEL FOUNDRIES	)	
	)	# 71-79
v.	)	# 71-96
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY	)	

Opinion of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

The company first petitioned (#71-79) for permission to conduct open burning for the purpose of instruction in firefighting techniques on April 27, 1971. Since the petition was filed April 19, there was no time for us to pass on it; a second petition (#71-96) superseded the first and changed the date to July 8. As we have done in past cases (see Deere & Co., v. EPA, #70-20, Dec. 22, 1970), we grant the petition subject to conditions suggested by the Agency, recognizing that there is no substitute for firefighting in learning to fight fires and that the benefits of such instruction far outweigh the little pollution it causes under proper conditions.

ORDER

1. American Steel Foundries is granted a variance to permit open burning on any one day during July, 1971 for the purpose of instruction in firefighting techniques on its plant grounds on Granite City subject to the following conditions:

1) burning shall be conducted only when the wind is from the east or west; only when the wind speed is 5 to 20 miles per hour; only when the sky is not overcast; and only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

2) burning shall be limited to 10 gallons of #2 diesel oil and 100 pounds of wood.

3) the company shall file a report of the burning with the Agency within one month after the session. The report shall describe wind conditions, the number of employees attending, the types and amounts of combustibles burned, and the total duration of burning and smoke emission.

2. The petition in #71-79 is dismissed as moot.

I, Regina E. Ryan, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion this 28 day of June, 1971.

Regina E. Ryan