

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 22, 1971

ILLINOIS NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY)
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 v.) # 71-94
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

Opinion of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

As in Lake County Forest Preserve District v. EPA, #71-64 (April 28, 1971), we are asked to allow the open burning of vegetation in wildlife areas for ecological research and management purposes. For reasons given in that opinion we grant the petition subject to conditions stated below and suggested by the Agency. Burning serves important naturalistic purposes in these cases, and the areas to be burned are relatively small and remote.

ORDER

The Illinois Natural History Survey is hereby granted a variance to allow the open burning of the following areas:

120 acres in the Sam Dale Conservation Area, Wayne County; 10 small plots in the Stephen A. Forbes State Park, Marion County; 25 acres in the Marion County Prairie Chicken Sanctuary; and 100 acres in the Jasper County Prairie Chicken Sanctuary, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) burning shall take place only between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and only when weather conditions assure maximum dispersion and minimum impact on adjacent properties;
- 2) burning shall be completed by December 31, 1971;
- 3) a report shall be filed with the Agency advising when the burning is completed and giving the circumstances and details of the burning.

I, Reging E. Ryan, Clerk of the Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion this 22 day of July, 1971.

