

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
August 5, 1971

VILLAGE OF LaPRAIRIE )  
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 v. ) # 71-202  
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY )

Opinion and Order of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

The Village asks a variance to permit the burning of a condemned dwelling. There is only a conclusory allegation of hardship, that it would be "very expensive" to remove the boards from the site. There is no specification of what it would cost or why the cost could not be passed on to the building owners, where it belongs, through a lien. There is no allegation as to the harm that such burning would inflict on those in the vicinity. The petition does not conform to the Board's procedural rules. *City of Jacksonville v. EPA*, # 70-30, Jan. 27, 1971. Moreover, while we sympathize with the necessity for removing condemned buildings, the law is clear that this is not to be done by burning in the absence of unusual hardship. No such hardship is alleged here. Even if all the facts alleged were proved no variance could be granted. A hearing would therefore serve no purpose, and the petition is dismissed.

I, Regina E. Ryan, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion and Order this 5th day of August, 1971.

