

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
April 14, 1971

CEDAR PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.)
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

PCB 71-38

Opinion of the Board (by Mr. Aldrich):

The Cedar Park Cemetery Association of Cook County petitions for a variance from the open burning regulations to dispose of diseased elm trees.

Petitioner states that removal by scavenger disposal would cost about \$1000, but more importantly would risk spreading the disease to healthy trees. Petitioner also states that the trees are sited for burning on the west edge of their property and that little, if any, contaminants would be carried beyond their property boundary if burning is conducted when a westerly wind prevails. The Agency inspected the site and interviewed seven residents in the vicinity. None objected to granting the variance as long as the wind direction would carry the smoke away from their residences. One objection was received by the Agency by mail.

The Agency recommends granting the variance under specified conditions. The Board has granted variances in similar cases in the past. We hereby grant the variance for Cedar Park Cemetery to burn its own diseased elm trees under direct supervision of their employees one time only subject to the following:

- 1. Burning to be done between noon and 4:00 pm when the wind is from a westerly direction at 5 to 20 miles per hour and the sky is not overcast.
- 2. No fuel of less quality than number two fuel oil shall be used to promote combustion.

I, Regina E. Ryan, certify that the Board has approved the above Opinion this 14th day of April, 1971

