

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
August 13, 1971

MONTGOMERY AND COUNTRYSIDE)
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT)
) #71-146
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v.)
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (BY MR. CURRIE):

Petitioner seeks a variance to burn down an abandoned hotel owned by the Burlington-Northern Railroad. Although the stated purpose of the burning is fire fighting training, the petition does not indicate specific training objectives. The petition hints that a major motive for the blaze is to remove a hazardous building from the community.

The petition provides no information on the hardship which would result from being forced to seek an alternative training site nor on the possible harm to the public from the burning.

The Agency's investigation of this case revealed that the building is less than 100 feet from Illinois Highway No. 31 and that the burning could cause a serious safety problem.

We think the firemen can be trained at an alternate site which does not pose the hazards this one does, and that this structure can be demolished by non-polluting means.

The petition is denied.

I, Regina E. Ryan, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion and Order this 13th day of August, 1971.
