

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 11, 1995

ACME STEEL COMPANY,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 91-28
)	PCB 92-2
)	(Permit Appeal)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	


ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Theodore Meyer):

On January 5, 1995, petitioner Acme Steel Company (Acme) and respondent the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) filed a joint status report in this proceeding. The parties recount the progress on Acme's petition for adjusted standard (AS 94-8), which would, if granted, resolve this case with regard to the thermal permit limitations. The parties state that the Agency filed its recommendation on November 28, 1994, recommending that the requested adjusted standard be granted, subject to conditions. In regard to the issues in this case which are not the subject of the adjusted standard petition, the Agency intends to issue a draft permit addressing those issues. However, the parties state that the draft has not been issued due to personnel shortages at the Agency, and because the draft permit will have to address the Board's decision in the adjusted standard petition, when that decision is made. The parties ask that this matter be stayed until resolution of the pending adjusted standard petition, "with the additional consideration that USEPA response time may require another motion for a stay of these proceedings." (Status Report at 4.)

The Board accepts the status report. We will extend the current stay until June 15, 1995. However, although we are sympathetic to the efforts to resolve this dispute through negotiation, we will not indefinitely delay substantive action on this proceeding, which began almost four years ago. The parties are directed to file an additional status report no later than June 5, 1995. We expect to see concrete progress in the adjusted standard proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the 11th day of January, 1995, by a vote of 6-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board