

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
June 2, 1994

STEPAN COMPANY,)
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 Petitioner,)
)
 v.) PCB 94-156
) (Permit Appeal)
 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
 PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
 Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD:

On May 23, 1994, Stepan Company filed a petition for review of its permit for land application of sludge pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309, regarding its Millsdale Facility, located in Will County. The Millsdale Facility treats its process wastewaters and stormwater in a permitted on-site wastewater treatment plant ("WWTP"). The WWTP's sludge and lime softening sludge are land applied. The appeal challenges various special technical conditions imposed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the two year length of the permit. This matter is accepted for hearing.

The hearing must be scheduled and completed in a timely manner, consistent with Board practices and the applicable statutory decision deadline, or the decision deadline as extended by a waiver (petitioner may file a waiver of the statutory decision deadline pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.105). The Chief Hearing Officer shall assign a hearing officer to conduct hearings. The Clerk of the Board shall promptly issue appropriate directions to the assigned hearing officer consistent with this order.

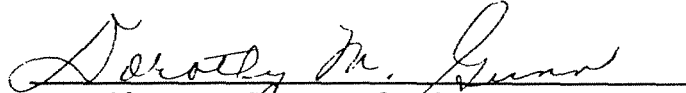
The assigned hearing officer shall inform the Clerk of the Board of the time and location of the hearing at least 40 days in advance of hearing so that public notice of hearing may be published. After hearing, the hearing officer shall submit an exhibit list, a statement regarding credibility of witnesses and all actual exhibits to the Board within five days of the hearing. Any briefing schedule shall provide for final filings as expeditiously as possible and, in time-limited cases, no later than 30 days prior to the decision due date, which is the final regularly scheduled Board meeting date on or before the statutory or deferred decision deadline. Absent any future waivers of the decision deadline, the statutory decision deadline is now September 20, 1994 (120 days from May 23, 1994); the Board meeting immediately preceding the due date is scheduled for September 15, 1994.

If after appropriate consultation with the parties, the parties fail to provide an acceptable hearing date or if after an attempt the hearing officer is unable to consult with the parties, the hearing officer shall unilaterally set a hearing date in conformance with the schedule above. The hearing officer and the parties are encouraged to expedite this proceeding as much as possible. The Board notes that Board rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.102) require the Agency to file the entire Agency record of the permit application within 14 days of notice of the petition.

This order will not appear in the Board's opinion volumes.

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 2nd day of June, 1994, by a vote of 6-0.


Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board