ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD November 4, 1993

| PEOPLE OF THE STATE) OF ILLINOIS, | |
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| Complainant, |) |
| v. (| PCB 93-57 |
| ILLINOIS AYERS OIL COMPANY, | (Enforcement) |
| Respondent.) |) |

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

This complaint was filed on March 19, 1993. On October 25, 1993, the parties filed an executed stipulation and proposal for settlement accompanied by a request for relief from the otherwise applicable requirement of Section 31(a)(1) of the Act that proposed stipulated settlements be presented at public hearing. Complainant the People of the State of Illinois also filed a motion for leave to file the stipulation and proposal for settlement instanter. That motion for leave to file instanter is granted.

Section 31(a)(2), as enacted in P.A. 87-0134, effective August 13, 1991, provides in pertinent part:

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection (a), whenever a complaint has been filed on behalf of the Agency or by the People of the State of Illinois, the parties may file with the Board a stipulation and proposal for settlement accompanied by a request for relief from the requirement of a hearing pursuant to subdivision (1). Unless the Board, in its discretion, concludes that a hearing will be held, the Board shall cause notice of the stipulation, proposal and request for relief to be published and sent in the same manner as is required for hearing pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. notice shall include a statement that any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If any person files a timely written demand for hearing, the Board shall deny the request for relief from a hearing and shall hold a hearing in accordance with the provisions of "hdivision (1).

The Board accordingly directs the Clerk to cause publication of the required newspaper notice. The Board will reserve ruling on the parties' request until after the statutory 21 days has passed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dorothy M. Gynn, Clerk

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