ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 8, 1993

SPRAYING SYSTEMS CO.,)
Petitioner,))) PCB 90-215
v.) (Permit Appeal)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,))
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Anderson):

On April 1, 1993, Spraying Systems Company (SSC) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) filed a joint status report. The filing comes in response to a February 4, 1993 Board order directing the parties to file a status report by April 1, 1993.

In their status report, the parties state that they met on June 22, 1992, to discuss the Agency's concerns regarding SSC's closure plan and further evaluation of the site. On August 3, 1992, SSC submitted a proposed RCRA closure work plan for additional subsurface investigation to the Agency. It was expected that the proposed work could be completed in three and one-half months after the Agency's approval. The Agency agreed to review the work plan and provide comments to SSC within 30 to 45 days.

On April 1, 1993, the Agency reviewed the work plan and provided its comments to SSC. SSC asserts that it will review the Agency's comments and seek to schedule a meeting with the Agency within two weeks. SSC estimates that it will take at least four months after the parties agree on the work plan to actually complete the work plan. SSC anticipates that an agreement on the work plan will not be reached before the end of April. In light of the above, the parties do not expect this matter to be settled prior to October, 1993. SSC states that it is willing, however, to waive the Board's decision deadline from September 30, 1993 to December 31, 1993.

In light of the above as well as the parties' assertion that they are "optimistic about the prospects for settlement", the Board directs the parties to file an updated status report to be received by the Board no later than July 19, 1993. The Board also construes SSC's willingness to waive the Board's decision deadline as an actually waiver of the decision deadline to December 31, 1993.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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