ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 8, 1993

MICRO SWITCH,

Petitioner,

v.

PCB 93-67

(Provisional Variance)

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL

PROTECTION AGENCY,

Respondent.

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.C. Marlin):

This matter comes before the Board on receipt of an Agency Recommendation dated April 7, 1993. The recommendation refers to a request from Petitioner, for a 15-day provisional variance for its Stephenson County facility from the 90-day limitation on the storage of hazardous wastes, as set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.134(b), for the period from March 7 to March 21, 1993.

Upon receipt of the request, the Agency issued its recommendation, finding that due to unforeseen, temporary and uncontrollable circumstances, failure to grant the requested 15-day provisional variance would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on Petitioner.

The responsibilities of the Agency and the Board in these short-term provisional variances are different from the responsibilities in standard variances. See 415 ILCS 5/35(b) & (c) (1992) (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111½, pars. 1035(b) & (c)). In provisional variances it is the responsibility of the Agency to make the technical determinations and finding of arbitrary or unreasonable hardship. The Board's responsibility is to adopt a formal Order, to assure the formal maintenance of the record, to assure the enforceability of the variance, and to provide notification of the action by a press release.

Having received the Agency recommendation finding that a denial of the requested relief would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship, the Board hereby grants Petitioner a provisional variance from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.134(b) from March 7 to March 21, 1993.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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