ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD May 20, 1993

ASHLAND CHEMICAL INC.,)
Petitioner,)
v.) PCB 91-208 (Permit Appeal)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,) (Termit Appear)
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C. A. Manning):

This matter is before the Board on status report filed on May 19, 1993, by Ashland Chemical Inc. (Ashland). In its report Ashland states that this appeal was filed on November 4, 1991, to contest four conditions in a permit. Three of those conditions relate to the operation of a new storage facility and one relates to the remedial activities which had been included as interim measures in the permit. Ashland states that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) has verbally agreed with the concern regarding the interim measure language and that this portion of the appeal can be resolved by agreement.

Ashland also reports that since the time of the last status report the Agency has approved its closure plans with regard to three hazardous waste tanks but has not yet issued a modified permit. Additionally, Ashland states that the parties are continuing their discussions regarding a modified permit but that the Agency believes the process will take an additional three months to complete. Finally, Ashland states that the Agency has reviewed the status report and has no objections.

The Board notes that Ashland has provided a limited waiver of the Board's decision deadline until December 27, 1993. To allow adequate time for the filing of briefs and Board deliberation before the deadline, the Board requires that hearings be scheduled approximately 120 days prior to the decision deadline. It is the responsibility of the petitioner to provide adequate waivers and proceed with the matter in a timely manner. The parties are hereby directed to file their next status report on or before August 20, 1993. In the event that this case has not been dismissed, an additional waiver must be supplied to the Board or this matter will be set for hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk

Illinois Røllution Control Board