ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD May 20, 1993

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Complainant,	\
v.) PCB 93-96) (Enforcement)
ASHLAND PRODUCTS, INC., an Illinois corporation,) (Enforcement)
Respondent.)

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

This complaint was filed on May 10, 1993. On the same day, the parties filed 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. 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 subdivision (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.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Cler	k of the Illinois Pollution Control
Board, hereby certify that th	e above order was adopted on the
36th day of may	, 1993, by a vote of $6-0$.
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	Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
	Illinois Pollution Control Board