ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD June 20, 1991

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DEL MONTE CORPORATION, DEKALB PLANT #111,

Petitioner,

v.

PCB 91-102 (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 June 19, 1991. The recommendation refers to a request from Petitioner, Del Monte Corp. DeKalb Plant #111, for a provisional variance from the suspended solids (SS) effluent requirements, as set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.120(c) and 304.141(a), for the period from the date of this Order and lasting 45 days.

The Agency recommends that the Board grant the requested provisional variance with specified conditions. The Agency agrees that the repairs are necessary. The Agency anticipates that the requested provisional variance would have minimal environmental impact on the receiving stream. The Agency is unaware of any public water supplies that the requested provisional variance would adversely impact. The Agency maintains that a grant of a provisional variance would violate no federal laws. The Agency finds that a denial of the requested provisional variance would create an arbitrary and unreasonable hardship on the Petitioner.

The responsibilities of the Agency and the Board in these short-term provisional variances are different from the responsibilities in standard variances. See Ill. Rev. Stat. 1989, ch. 111¹/₂, 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 and unreasonable hardship, the Board hereby grants Petitioner a provisional variance from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.120(c) and 304.141(a) on the following conditions:

The term of this provisional variance shall commence on 1. the date of this Order, and it shall expire after 45 days.

During the term of this provisional variance, the 2. effluent from the Petitioner's treatment plant shall not exceed concentrations of 75 mg/l SS (each on a monthly average basis);

The Petitioner shall execute a copy of a Certificate of 3. Acceptance of this provisional variance and forward that copy to the Agency and forward that copy within 10 days of the date of this Order of the Board, addressed as follows:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Water Pollution Control Compliance Assurance Section 2200 Churchill Road P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Attention: Mark T. Books

and the Certificate of Acceptance shall take the following form:

CERTIFICATION

and conditions of the Order of the Pollution Control Board in PCB 91-102, June 20, 1990.

Petitioner

Authorized Agent

Title

Date

IT IS SO ORDERED.

J.D. Dumelle and B. Forcade concurred.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, do hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the 30 Hday of ______, 1991, by a vote of 7-0.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Polition Control Board