ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD May 24, 1990

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE,)	
Petitioner,)	
v.)	PCB 88-69
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	(Variance)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
Respondent.	j	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Anderson):

This matter comes before the Board upon the April 2, 1990 filing of a Request for Extension of Variance Petition for Scott Air Force Base Waste Water Treatment Plant. In its request, Scott Air Force Base ("Scott") asked that its current variance from the BOD₅, TSS, and ammonia nitrogen effluent standards be extended from February 28, 1990, to April 30, 1990. Scott filed an amended request with the Board on April 24, 1990. In this filing, Scott requested an extension of its variance to July 31, 1990. Scott, in both requests, cited construction problems, the inability to operate key pieces of equipment during the construction process, and other operational problems as some of the reasons for the plant not running at the capacity necessary to meet the conditions set forth in its NPDES permit.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Agency") filed an Agency Response to Petitioner's Motion for Variance Extension on April 24, 1990. In its response, the Agency stated that although Scott's request should be docketed as a new petition because the request for extension was made over thirty days after the expiration of the prior variance, it would respond as if the request was a proper motion. The Agency then stated that, based upon its inspections of the facility, it had no objection to the extension of Scott's variance to July 31, 1990.

The Board issued an order on April 26, 1990, in which it reaffirmed its decision to treat Scott's request as a motion. The Board grants Scott's motion for extension to July 31, 1990, considering the Agency's recommendation and the fact that Scott is requesting the extension for a short duration of time. Paragraph A of Scott's current variance is, therefore, modified to read, "Variance shall expire on July 31, 1990 or upon attainment of compliance, whichever occurs first."

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Board Member J. Dumelle concurred.

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