

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
November 7, 1985

MOBIL CHEMICAL COMPANY,)
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 Petitioner.)
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 v. PCB 85-189
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 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
 PROTECTION AGENCY,)
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 Respondent)

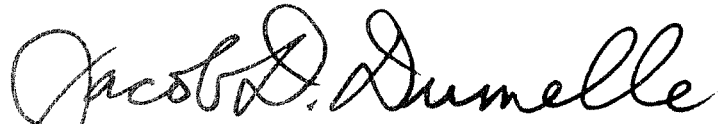
CONCURRING OPINION (by J.D. Dumelle):

The Agency has used inexact language in its Recommendation. In paragraph 7 it states "The Agency bases this determination upon the fact that the solids discharged are solids taken in from the Illinois River and no degradation should occur".

Yet in paragraph 2 the Agency mentions "filter backwash, softener regenerant wastewater and boiler blowdown". This directly contradicts paragraph 7.

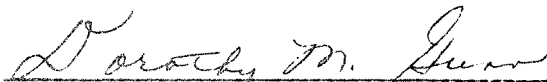
The Mobil Oil Corporation application dated October 17, 1985 is more precise. It points out (p. 3) that the sand filter backwash has or will shortly be eliminated from the outfall in question. Boiler blowdown and softener regenerate waste water will continue to be discharged from this outfall. However, the amounts of total suspended solids are quite low, about one pound per day.

Provisional variances come to the Board generally on the day of its meeting. Little time is available to study the material submitted. The Agency's Recommendation should be carefully drawn to reflect the actual situation.



Jacob D. Dumelle, P.E., Chairman

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Concurring Opinion was filed on the 8th day of November, 1985.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board