

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

June 13, 1974

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	PCB 74-116
vs.	)	
	)	
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Seaman):

On March 29, 1974, Scott Air Force Base filed its Petition For Variance, seeking therein variance from the provisions of Rules 202, 203, 204, 206 and 207 of the Air Pollution Control Regulations. Petitioner requests permission to operate two stand-by coal-fired heating plants during the normal heating season, from approximately October 15 to approximately April 15.

Petitioner presently relies on heating plants fueled by Number 6 fuel oil. While the current supply of the fuel oil is adequate to meet its short-term needs, Petitioner states that there is no assurance that adequate supplies will be available for long-term requirements. It appears that Petitioner seeks permission to switch from the burning of fuel oil to the uncontrolled burning of substantial quantities of high-sulfur coal for an indefinite period of time (Petitioner's prayer for relief is for an "initial" period of one year).

Under any circumstances, such a request could be considered only on a showing of extreme hardship. The Petition before us does not adequately address the hardship issue and is insufficient in other respects. Petitioner's attention is directed to the provisions of Rule 401 of the Board's Procedural Rules, wherein the content of a petition for variance is detailed.

Petitioner is hereby ordered to file an amended petition within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order or suffer its cause to be dismissed without prejudice as inadequate. Should Petitioner choose to file an amended petition, it would be well to address the serious issues and considerations raised in the Agency Recommendation. This will necessitate filing a waiver with the Clerk of the Board on or before June 20, 1974.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Order was adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1974 by a vote of 4-0.

*Christan L. Moffett*