ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD February 14, 1974

TEXACO, INC.)		
Petitioner,))		
VS.)	nan	73-54
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	AGENCY,)	PCB	/3-04
Respondent.))		

Edwin J. Buckley, Attorney, on behalf of Petitioner; Kenneth J. Gumbiner, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of Respondent.

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Seaman):

This is a Petition for a Variance filed on February 9, 1973.

Petitioner operates a petroleum refinery immediately adjacent to the City of Lockport in Will County, Illinois. Petitioner seeks a Variance from the compliance date of December 31, 1973 for control of hydrocarbon emissions from storage tanks, contained in Pollution Control Board Regulations, Chapter 2, Part II, Rule 205(a).

Petitioner has at its Lockport refinery a total of forty-eight (48) stationary tanks, each having a capacity of 40,000 gallons. Eleven (11) tanks presently are pressurized and are capable of withstanding the pressure of the materials stored therein. One existing tank presently has a floating roof as described by Rule 205(a)(2)(A). An additional five (5) tanks will have floating roofs as described by Rule 205(a)(2)(A) on or before December 31, 1973. Petitioner requests a Variance for thirty-one (31) stationary storage tanks which will not have floating roofs before December 31, 1973 but will comply with Rule 205(a) according to the following schedule:

Clark No	Capacity	Proposed Completion
Tank No.	Bb1.	Date
19680	25,000	July 1, 1974
19744	80,000	

Tank No.	Capacity Bbl.	Proposed Completion
19559 19558 19675 19746 3727 19654 3728 3724 19652	182,000 35,000 82,000 80,000 182,000 6,400 178,000 13,200 6,400	July 1, 1975
19624 19560 4645 11464 19631 19676 19747 3703 3702 3736 3723 19679 19682 3733	182,000 182,000 11,700 4,700 80,000 82,000 80,000 118,000 118,700 150,000 25,000 15,000 15,000	July 1, 1976
19510 3701 19745 19677 19623 19681	118,000 118,000 80,000 82,000 82,000 15,000	July 1, 1977

Petitioner presented five witnesses at the hearing which was concluded on November 29, 1973. Seven Exhibits were also introduced into evidence by Petitioner.

Pendeleton Beall, Jr., Texaco Plant Manager, testified as to the number of engineers who were employed by Texaco involved with pollution control (pp. 21). Petitioner's Exhibit #1 indicated a list of Environmental projects in progress totalling \$50,000,000. Other witnesses testified to manpower, time, cost, etc. No witnesses or Exhibits were presented on behalf of the Respondent.

The Board finds that the Texaco Company has met its burden, in this case, as distinguished from PCB's 73-14 Texaco, Inc. (Lawrence Refinery) in that there was no clear showing that engineering manpower was not available.

Also, since the close of the record in this case (11/29/73) the energy crisis has come upon us and this Board takes notice of its existence. We cannot impede the production of fuel and to deny this Variance might have such an effect.

The Petitioner has presented a reasonable compliance schedule.

This Opinion constitutes the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Board.

ORDER

The Pollution Control Board hereby grants a variance until December 31, 1974 from PCB Rule 205(a), Chapter 2 on the use of 31 stationary tanks provided:

- 1. TEXACO be required to submit a list of the tanks to be refitted during the period of the first Variance;
- 2. TEXACO submit progress reports at 90 day intervals during the Variance period;
- 3. TEXACO apply for an extension of the Variance no later than 90 days prior to the expiration of the Variance;
- 4. TEXACO is to post, within 35 days of the date of this Order, in a form satisfactory to the Agency, a performance bond equal to \$100,000, which bond shall be released in the amount of \$20,000 for each tank that is refitted, said bond shall be sent to: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Fiscal Services Section, 2200 Churchill Road, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

IT IS SO ORDERED.