

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
May 17, 1973

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,)
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 Complainant,)
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 v.) PCB 73-29
)
 INLAND METALS REFINING COMPANY,)
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 Respondent.)

James I. Rubin, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of
Complainant;
Richard W. Hillsberg on behalf of Respondent.

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

Complaint was filed on January 26, 1973 by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency charging Respondent, Inland Metals Refining Company, located in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, with violation of Section 9(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.

The complaint alleges that certain baghouses operated by Respondent are inefficient and, therefore, constitute a continuing violation of Section 9(a).

The parties have submitted a Stipulation And Proposal for Settlement, represented to be an agreement reached between the parties and represented to constitute the recommended disposition of the enforcement action.

This Board finds that the Agency has presented no evidence of Respondent's alleged violations to this date and that the public interest will best be served by a prompt resolution of this matter under the terms of the settlement suggested, and by avoidance of further costs and delays that will be incurred by a protracted hearing.

The Board approves the maintenance procedures outlined in the Stipulation.

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

IT IS THE ORDER of the Pollution Control Board that Respondent, Inland Metals Refining Company, adopt and adhere to the following maintenance procedures:

(a) Weekly Maintenance - At least once each week, all of the bags are to be inspected by the Maintenance Superintendent and a crew. Bags which, upon visual inspection, have failed will be replaced, up to and including the entire unit if necessary. Bags which, in the judgment of the Superintendent, are susceptible to imminent failure will also be replaced. At the same time, all major equipment and duct work in or pertaining to the baghouse will be inspected and maintained in accordance with good operating procedure.

(b) Daily Maintenance - From time to time during the calendar day an experienced maintenance man or a man experienced in baghouse operations will examine the baghouse, with particular attention to stack emissions during operations. At any time during the calendar day at which stack emissions indicate possible violations of state regulations, the maintenance man or a man experienced in baghouse operations will examine the baghouse, and will make necessary corrections, including replacement of bags, or seek to have the necessary corrections made by persons qualified to make the required repairs or corrections.

(c) Records - Inland will maintain records of each day during which maintenance was performed on the baghouse. The records will contain a description of the type of maintenance performed.

(d) Reports - Inland shall submit to the Agency quarterly reports regarding its compliance with the Air Pollution Control Regulations and the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Opinion and Order was adopted by the Board on the 11th day of May, 1973, by a vote of 4 to 0.

Christan L. Moffett