

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
April 11, 1972

THE RICHARDSON COMPANY)
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) #72-41
 v.)
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (BY MR. LAWTON):

The Richardson Company operates a phenolic laminate plant in DeKalb, Illinois. Fibrous substrate materials are saturated in phenolic resins in a vehicle of hydrocarbon solvent, after which the material is conducted through a curing oven where the solvent is evaporated and discharged into the atmosphere. Four treaters and curing ovens are used for this purpose. At the present time, one treater is equipped with an after-burner to incinerate the hydrocarbon vapors, which is defective and requires re-building. It is proposed that the emissions from the remaining treaters be controlled by a new fume incinerator. The petition indicates that the new incinerator will be "on stream" by December 31, 1972.

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that the variance be granted until September 9, 1972, subject to the posting of a bond and securing of necessary permits from the Agency, together with the implementation of a program to control spillage which may result in odors, and that petitioner submit by-monthly reports detailing its progress. The Agency also proposes that stack tests by an independent agency be conducted thirty days after completion of the incinerators.

We are unable to tell from the petition the length of time that petitioner needs to complete its program. Petitioner had been operating under an approved Air Contaminant Emission Reduction Program from the Illinois Air Pollution Control Board approved on August 2, 1968, which was modified on January 22, 1970.

According to the petitioner, the original program called for complete abatement of odors by the end of 1972. The old Acerp has expired; however, if petitioner contemplates completing this program, we should be advised as to the precise details and time that will be needed, together with final completion dates, and direct

that this information be furnished within ten days from the day of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Interim Opinion and Order was adopted on the 11th day of April, 1972 by a vote of

Christan Moffett