

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
April 17, 1972

PARK MANOR TOWN HOUSE APTS.)	
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v.)	# 72-28
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)	

Opinion & Order of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

Park Manor operates an extended aeration plant treating the sewage of its 24 apartments. EPA reports that the plant "appeared to be operating in a satisfactory manner and within the present requirements of Section 404 [BOD and suspended solids] of the Board's Water Regulations" but to produce an effluent with a high fecal coliform count. The petition asks to be excused from planning and constructing expensive additional facilities, originally required by July, 1972 and now required by December, 1973, on the ground that by the end of 1972 the plant is to be abandoned and a connection made to a new municipal facility soon to be completed. EPA recommends the variance be granted on condition that by July 31, 1972 chlorination facilities be installed and permission to make the sewer connection be obtained.

We think on these conditions the request is reasonable. Phasing out small inefficient plants is in accord with Board policy, see DuPage Regionalization, #R 70-17 (Jan. 6, 1972), and we do not think it good policy to require expensive improvements to such facilities if they are to be replaced in a short time. We must, however, have prompt assurance that the plant will in fact be replaced, and we agree with EPA that interim disinfection ought to be practiced, cf. EPA v. John T. LaForge Co., # 70-39 (April 28, 1971), in order to avoid immediate health hazards.

ORDER

Park Manor Town House Apts. is hereby granted a variance for one year from the PCB Regs., Ch. 3, Rule 1002(b)(ii), insofar as it requires the filing and approval of a schedule for completing improvements to meet the advanced treatment requirements of Rule 404(c) and (f), on the following conditions:

- (1) Park Manor shall install temporary disinfection facilities by July 31, 1972, to achieve compliance with Rule 405 of PCB Regs., Ch. 3; and
- (2) Park Manor shall provide satisfactory evidence to the Board and to the EPA that it has received permission to make the sewer connections required to the Lincolnshire Sewage Treatment Plant.

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion & Order this 17th day of April, 1972, by a vote of 4-0.

