

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
December 9, 1971

CITY OF ROCKFORD)
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 v.) # 71-310
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

Opinion and Order of the Board (by Mr. Currie);

Rockford asks that its citizens be allowed to burn leaves until it has made arrangements for a new landfill site, alleging that to add the burden of leaves to its other wastes in the interim would cause its limited remaining landfill space to be quickly exhausted, leaving it no place to put refuse of any kind. The Agency responds that the City has access to another landfill site operated by the Greater Rockford Airport Authority. The City concedes that this alternative is available for immediate leaf disposal but argues that "the use of this site would require that our refuse collector collect the leaves in a special truck for deposit at the Greater Rockford Airport site" and that "such a method of collection is extremely cumbersome and expensive."

We think the use of an extra truck to collect leaves is a reasonable price to pay to avoid the evils of open burning, which were amply detailed by the evidence adduced at our extensive hearings on these regulations (#R 70-11, Sept. 2, 1971). The variance is denied.

I, Christan Moffett, Acting Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion and Order this 4 day of December, 1971.

