ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD December 21, 1971

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JOHN T. LAFORGE CO.

v.

71-286

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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

On May 3, 1971 (## 70-39, 71-18) we ordered LaForge to terminate its discharge of polluted rendering plant effluent to the **Pecatonica** River by October 8, 1971, the expected date for connection to the Freeport municipal sewer. In September the company filled a variance petition asking a two-month extension because of problems with its contractor, who had been replaced. The petition noted that the interim chlorination facility required by our order had been successfully installed.

The December 8 compliance wate requested has now passed, and the present request is therefore essentially moot. LaForge remains subject to its obligation to submit progress reports, and we shall expect confirmation that the project has indeed been completed. If it has not been, the Agency remains free to institute an appropriate proceeding. The petition is dismissed. Cf. National Gypsum Co. v. EPA, # 71-99 (Aug. 2, 1971).

I, Christan Moffett, Acting Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion and Order of the Board this <u>21st</u> day of December, 1971 by a vote of 4-0.

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