

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 6, 1972

RAVINIA FESTIVAL)
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 v.) # PCB 71-391
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

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

Ravinia asks to burn "over twenty" diseased elms despite the open burning regulations. No permit could be obtained since the site is within a restricted area.

The regulations allow burning of trees if done sufficiently remotely or with the aid of an air-curtain destructor, which essentially eliminates smoke. Ravinia has not alleged any reason why it cannot get rid of its trees without open burning in a congested area, either by utilizing a destructor (its own or someone else's) or by moving the material to a more acceptable site. We note in this regard the variance today granted to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to conduct a substantial burning operation near Wheeling (#71-304). The restricted-area provision was put in the regulations for a reason, and it cannot simply be ignored. We hereby dismiss the petition without prejudice to the filing of another that addresses itself to the inability of complying with the regulation conditions for open burning.

Mr. Lawton did not participate in the consideration or decision of this case.

I, Christian Moffett, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion and Order this 6th day of January, 1972 by vote of 3-0.

