ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD November 18, 2004

BOWMAN OIL COMPANY,)	
Petitioner,)	
v.)	PCB 05-83
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,)	(UST Appeal)
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. P. Novak):

On November 8, 2004, Bowman Oil Company timely filed a petition asking the Board to review an October 1, 2004 determination of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency). *See* 415 ILCS 5/40(a)(1) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.402. Because the postmark date of the petition is within the time for filing, the petition was timely filed. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b)(2), 105.404. The Agency rejected petitioner's amended site classification work plan budget for Bowman Oil Company's leaking underground petroleum storage tank facility located at 215 Oak Street, West Frankfort, Franklin County.

Bowman Oil Company appeals on the grounds that the rejection of the newly estimated personnel costs and justification was arbitrary and capricious. Bowman Oil Company's petition meets the content requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.408. The Board accepts the petition for hearing.

Bowman Oil Company has the burden of proof. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.112(a). Hearings will be based exclusively on the record before the Agency at the time the Agency issued its determination. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.412. Hearings will be scheduled and completed in a timely manner, consistent with the decision deadline (*see* 415 ILCS 5/40(a)(2) (2002)), which only Bowman Oil Company may extend by waiver (*see* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.308). If the Board fails to take final action by the decision deadline, Bowman Oil Company may deem its request granted. *See* 415 ILCS 5/40(a)(2) (2002). Currently, the decision deadline is March 8, 2005 (the 120th day after November 8, 2004). *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.114. The Board meeting immediately before the decision deadline is scheduled for March 3, 2005.

Unless the Board or the hearing officer orders otherwise, the Agency must file the entire record of its determination by December 8, 2004, which is 30 days after Bowman Oil Company filed the petition. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.410(a). If the Agency wishes to seek additional time to file the record, it must file a request for extension before the date on which the record is due to be filed. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.116. The record must comply with the content requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.410(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on November 18, 2004, by a vote of 5-0.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk

Illinois Pollution Control Board