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Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants 45-day Provisional Variance to the City of Batavia

Chicago - The Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a 45-day provisional variance to the City of Batavia for its wastewater treatment facility located at 100 North Island Avenue, Batavia, Illinois. The provisional variance will allow the city to continue operating its wastewater treatment plant during the expansion of the facility. The work consists of installation of a new clarifier and a new ultraviolet disinfection system. Until the work is completed, the city has permission to operate using only one of its two clarifiers.

This action, docketed as PCB 01-53, was taken by the Board upon notification by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that compliance with the effluent limits set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.141(a), 304.120(a), and the excess flow limits in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. IL0022543, would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on the City of Batavia.

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