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Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants Three-day Provisional Variance to DaimlerChrysler

Chicago - The Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a three-day provisional variance, for the period of February 15 through 17, 2001, to DaimlerChrysler for its facility located in Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. The provisional variance is from DaimlerChrysler's State operating permit for a new source performance standard, which includes permit conditions pertaining to a regenerative thermal oxidizer that controls emissions from the Uni-prime electrocoat process. Specifically, the permit conditions from which DaimlerChrysler received a provisional variance are those monitoring and record keeping requirements in permit conditions 1d, 2a, 5a.ii, 5a.iii, 11, and 13a.iv through 13a.vi relating to emissions of volatile organic material.

This action, docketed as PCB 01-127, was taken by the Board upon notification by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that compliance with the requirements impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on DaimlerChrysler.