

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
October 29, 1987

CITY OF OTTAWA,)
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Petitioner,)
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v.) PCB 86-165
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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
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Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Anderson):

By its Opinion and Order of January 22, 1987, the Board granted the City a variance from the January 1, 1986 deadline date of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 306.373, to enable the City to file a petition for exception to the combined sewer overflow (CSO) regulations on or before July 1, 1987. The purpose of the variance was to allow the City to collect data concerning its CSO problems and their environmental impact.

On June 25, 1987, in response to a motion by the City to which the Agency did not object, the Board extended the July 1, 1987 filing date through October 1, 1987.

On September 21, 1987, the City again moved for an extension of the deadline from October 1, 1987 to February 15, 1988. In support thereof, the City asserts:

The complexity of the sewer systems, pump stations and overflow points has contributed to a difficult assignment to collect the field data. Obtaining valid flow data, representative samples and good analytical results is always difficult but even more so in the complicated Ottawa system. Rainfall events have not occurred in the right intensity and with satisfactory precedent conditions to produce the best mathematical model input for the First Flush determination. Due to the severe time constraints the consultants are attempting to use the data that is available but cannot complete the analyses of data and formulate the recommended plan of implementation for the City of Ottawa's approval by the current October 1, 1987, deadline.

The City proposes to file the report of its consultant with the Agency on or before December 15, to allow the Agency to

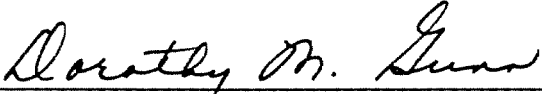
determine whether it will join with the City as a co-petitioner, and to allow time for finalization of a CSO petition before the February 15, 1988 proposed filing date.

On October 16, 1987, the Agency filed a response stating that it had no objection to the grant of the requested extension.

While this is the second request for extension of the original variance, the Board hereby grants the City's motion, as there is no indication that the City has been less than diligent in its pursuit of information with which to support its petition. However, the Board trusts that there will be no need for further requests for extension. The City's variance is extended through February 15, 1988.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the 29th day of October, 1987, by a vote of 7-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board