

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 26, 1979

GRANITE CITY STEEL, Division of)
National Steel Corporation,)
)
Petitioner,)
)
v.) PCB 79-103
)
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
Respondent.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Goodman):

This matter comes before the Board upon the petition filed by Granite City Steel Corp., a division of National Steel (Granite City) on May 4, 1979. The petition seeks a variance from a Board Order entered in PCB 76-124 on September 15, 1976 and modified by a Board Order entered on May 12, 1977. No hearing has been held in this matter and the Board has received no public comments.

The May 12, 1977 Order directs Granite City to shut down its "B" Battery, which contains twenty-seven (27) coke ovens, for the purpose of rebuilding by December 11, 1979. "A" Battery, which contains forty-nine (49) coke ovens, was to be similarly shut down by June 11, 1980. Granite City now seeks to revise the above described program due to the unanticipated shutdown of "A" Battery for repair on February 8, 1979. Granite City requests that the date on which "A" Battery is shut down for rebuilding be recognized as February 8, 1979 and that the shutdown date for "B" Battery be extended until June 11, 1980. The petition is based on the premises that "B" Battery is in better operating condition than "A" Battery, that "A" Battery has been shut down ten (10) months prior to the shutdown date for either oven, and that not more than 137 ovens will be in operation at any one time if this variance is granted. In its recommendation, the Agency states its belief that the switch of closedown dates will not significantly affect the air quality in the area and recommends that the variance be granted (Rec., p.2).

The Board finds that the net result of the proposed change is roughly equivalent to that of the original Order. The final proposed date for shutdown of all batteries concerned is the same as that contained in the Board Order for PCB 76-124

entered on May 12, 1977. Considering that "A" Battery had to be shut down for unanticipated repairs and that "B" Battery is generally in better operating condition than "A" Battery, it would be an arbitrary and unreasonable hardship to deny the variance. For the above reasons, the Board grants the requested variance.

This Opinion constitutes the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Board in this matter.

ORDER

It is the Order of the Pollution Control Board that:

- 1) The final date for shutdown of "A" Battery shall be February 8, 1979 and the final shutdown date of "B" Battery shall be June 11, 1980.
- 2) Granite City Steel shall notify the Agency in writing when "B" Battery is shut down. Notification shall be within seven (7) days subsequent to shutdown and shall be sent to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
 Division of Air Pollution Control
 Region III
 115A. West Main Street
 Collinsville, Illinois 62234
 Attn: Mr. Walter Franke
 (618) 345-1700

- 3) Within 45 days of the date of this Order, Granite City Steel shall execute and forward to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 2200 Churchill Road, Springfield, Illinois 62706 a Certification of Acceptance and Agreement to be bound to all terms and conditions of this Order. The 45 day period shall be held in abeyance during any period this matter is being appealed. The form of said certification shall be as follows:

CERTIFICATION

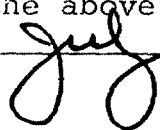
I (We), _____, having read and fully understanding the Order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board in PCB 79-103, hereby accept said Order and agree to be bound by all of the terms and conditions thereof.

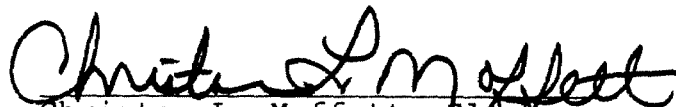
SIGNED _____

TITLE _____

DATE _____

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Opinion and Order were adopted on the 26th day of July, 1979 by a vote of 4-0.




Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board