

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 7, 1982

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3:) R77-12 (Docket D)
WATER POLLUTION (Effluent)
Disinfection))

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.D. Dumelle):

On January 5, 1982, the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago (MSD) filed a motion to cancel a merit hearing which has been set in this matter for February 9, 1982. The MSD alleges that "a determination as to chlorination must be made before February 18, 1982 to enable the taxpayers of the District to save approximately \$2,370,000" based upon contracts that the MSD has entered into.

Under usual circumstances such a motion would be decided by the hearing officer with a right of appeal to the Board. However, given the time constraint, the hearing officer has referred the motion directly to the Board. That motion is hereby denied.

The Board notes that a considerable number of comments have been received by the Board concerning this proceeding since the last hearing, that the First Notice proposal differs substantively from the Agency proposal which was the basis for earlier hearings, and that the "Second National Symposium on Municipal Wastewater Disinfection" will take place January 26-28, 1982. By holding another hearing, the Board will be in a better position to evaluate the comments, interested persons will have an opportunity to testify concerning the Board's proposal, and the Board will have the benefit of gathering any new information which may come out of the national symposium.

The Board is well aware of the potential cost savings of this proceeding and that any delay in final adoption may well cause considerable expense to affected industries and public bodies. On the other hand, greater costs may well arise from an inadequately considered decision in this matter. However, the Board will make every reasonable attempt to expedite its decision.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the 7th day of January, 1982 by a vote of 4-0.

Christan L. Moffett
Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board