ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD August 9, 1990

NATIONAL STEEL CORP.,)
GRANITE CITY DIVISION,)
Petitioner,)
v.) PCB 90-150 (Provisional Variance)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,) (Provisional variance)
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (J. Marlin):

This matter comes before the Board on receipt of an Agency Recommendation dated August 7, 1990. The recommendation refers to a request from Petitioner, Granite City Division of National Steel Corp. for a 15-day provisional variance from the visible and particulate matter emissions limitations for by-product coke plant quenching, as set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 212.443(h), for the period from August 6, 1990 to August 21, 1990.

Upon receipt of the request, the Agency issued its recommendation, concluding that failure to grant the requested 15-day provisional variance would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on Petitioner. The Agency recommends that the Board grant the requested relief with conditions. The Agency also asserted that there is no reasonable alternative for compliance and that the Petitioner has not received provisional variance relief this year to date. The Agency maintains that no adverse environmental impact will occur as a result of a grant of this provisional variance.

In light of the Agency Recommendation, the Board hereby grants a provisional variance from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 212.443(h) from August 6, 1990 to August 21, 1990, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Petitioner shall spray roadways adjacent to the West Quench Tower, as indicated on the attached map (Exhibit 1), twice daily during the term of this provisional variance;
- 2. The Petitioner shall report to the Agency the date it commences repairs to its West Quench Tower and the date it completes those repairs;
- 3. The Petitioner shall report to the Agency the dates it sprays the roadways adjacent its West Quench Tower and the times and amounts of surfactant utilized; and

4. The Petitioner shall submit all reports required under this provisional variance to the Agency no later than August 24, 1990, addressed as follows:

John Justice Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 2009 Mall Street Collinsville, Illinois 62234

J. Dumelle dissented

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, do hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the _______, 1990, by a vote of ________, 1990, by a vote of ________.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk

Illinois Pollution Control Board

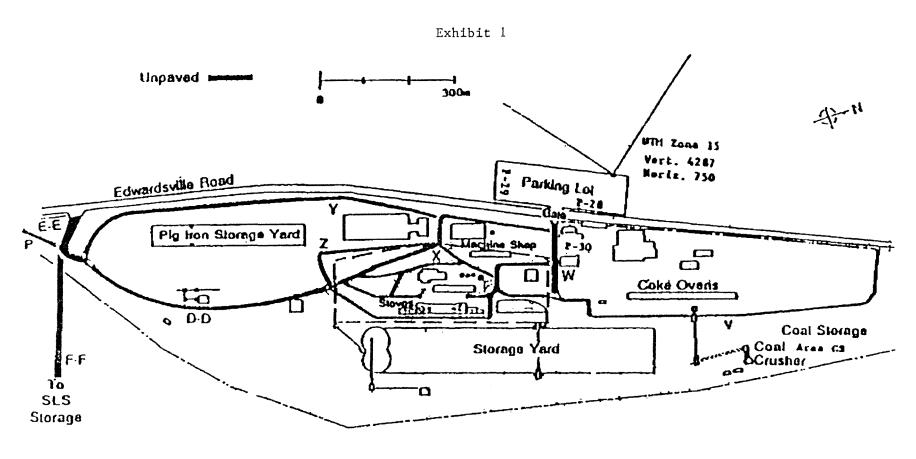


Figure 10. Blast Furnace Department -- roads included in the emissions inventory.