

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
November 11, 1971

In the Matter of            )  
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IMPROPER PUBLICITY        )                                   # R71-22

Opinion of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

On October 13 we published a proposed rule that would make clear the authority of hearing officers to prevent any picture-taking or broadcasting that interferes with the conduct of proceedings and the obligation of persons appearing before the Board to conduct themselves with propriety. These provisions restate what has been implicit all along and what is necessary if the Board is to conduct its proceedings in an orderly manner. They are based directly upon comparable provisions applicable in many courts. The rule in no way limits public attendance and participation which activities the Board continues to encourage.

ORDER

Chapter 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Pollution Control Board is hereby amended by adding the following provisions:

603     Improper Publicity. (a) Hearings should be conducted with fitting dignity and decorum. The Hearing Officer may forbid the taking of photographs or the broadcasting or televising of all or part of the proceedings while the hearing is being conducted if he finds that such activities detract from the dignity of the proceedings or unduly distract participants and witnesses in giving testimony;

(b) Parties in proceedings brought before the Board shall at all times conduct themselves with the same degree of dignity and respect that they would before a Court.

I, Christian Moffett, Acting Clerk of the Pollution Control Board certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion this 11 day of November, 1971.

