ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD June 5, 1997

GORD LEONARD UNION 76,)	
INCORPORATED,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	PCB 97-211
V.)	(UST - Reimbursement)
)	
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C.A. Manning):

On May 23, 1997 Gord Leonard Union 76, Inc. (petitioner) filed a petition for review of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) final reimbursement determination from the Underground Storage Tank Fund. The Agency issued a final reimbursement decision on April 22, 1997, accompanied by Attachment A which contained the stated reasons for deductions. The final determination concerns petitioner's site located at 696 Central Avenue, Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois. This matter is accepted for hearing.

The assigned hearing officer shall inform the Clerk of the Board of the time and location of the hearing at least 30 days in advance of hearing so that a 21-day public notice of hearing may be published. After hearing, the hearing officer shall submit an exhibit list, a statement regarding credibility of witnesses, and all exhibits to the Board within five days of the hearing.

Any briefing schedule shall provide for final filings as expeditiously as possible and, in time-limited cases, no later than 30 days prior to the decision due date, which is the final regularly scheduled Board meeting date on or before the statutory or deferred decision deadline. Absent any future waivers of the decision deadline, the statutory decision deadline is now September 20, 1997 (120 days from May 23, 1997). The Board meeting immediately preceding the decision deadline is scheduled for September 18, 1997.

If after appropriate consultation with the parties, the parties fail to provide an acceptable hearing date or if after an attempt the hearing officer is unable to consult with the parties, the hearing officer shall unilaterally set a hearing date in conformance with the schedule above. The hearing officer and the parties are encouraged to expedite this proceeding as much as possible. The Board notes that Board rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.102) require the Agency to file the entire Agency record of the reimbursement application within 14 days of notice of the petition.

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 5th day of June 1997, by a vote of 7-0.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk

Illinois Pollution Control Board