

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
June 14, 1973

LOCKE STOVE COMPANY)
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) #73-159
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (BY SAMUEL T. LAWTON, JR.):

Petitioner has filed a petition for variance in which it appears to seek to be permitted to exceed the particulate and hydrocarbon emission limitations contained in our Pollution Control Board Air Regulations, Rules 203(b) and 205(f), until May 30, 1975, when it contemplates that its paint supplier, the Glidden Paint Company, will have re-formulated its product so as to meet Illinois Air Pollution Regulations.

Petitioner operates a space heater fabrication plant in East St. Louis. Included in the facility is a three-man enamel paint spraying booth. Emissions from this operation result from spraying, dipping and baking of the product. While the variance petition does not cite what express provisions of the Regulations petitioner seeks to be relieved from, the Agency has assumed that it is requesting relief from Rule 103 and 104, and 203(b) and 205(f) above cited.

On March 2, 1973, petitioner's operating permit application was denied by the Agency, which led to the instant petition. At the time of the application, the Agency had calculated petitioner's particulate emissions from the spray booths to be 0.356 lbs/hr at a process weight rate of 14.255 lbs/hr.

Upon re-examination, the Agency determined that petitioner's particulate emissions are 0.12 lbs/hr against an allowable particulate emission rate of 0.15 lbs/hr. At the present time, the Agency is of the opinion that no variance is required in order to obtain an operating permit for particulate emissions from the paint spray booths and that the operating permit application likewise contains an adequate compliance program for organic emissions and that no variance is required in this respect.

In view of the foregoing representations contained in the Agency's recommendation, we do not discern any basis upon which a

variance is needed and accordingly, the petition for variance is dismissed as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Opinion and Order was adopted on the 14th day of June, 1973, by a vote of 3 to 5.

Christan Moffett