ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
September 12, 1974

ILLINI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	)	
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vs.	)	PCB 74-128
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY	)	

Supplemental Statement (by Mr. Dumelle):

The order in this case contemplates a period of three months of landfilling of hospital refuse from October 1, 1974 to January 1, 1975. I have strong doubts about the wisdom of so handling hospital refuse which may contain highly infectious disease germs.

Unless strict precautions are taken, the hospital refuse may become wind-borne at the landfill and may be a source of infection to the landfill operators and to other personnel and to the public. However, the Agency did not raise this possibility in its recommendation and we are without guidance on this important point in this case.

In view of the Agency's recommendation for continued incineration in Decatur Memorial Hospital v. EPA, PCB 74-276, I would suggest a re-examination of its position for landfilling of hospital refuse in this case. In the Decatur case, the Agency seems to agree with the Administrator of the Macon County Health Department that "(a)ll matter contaminated, or suspected of being contaminated with virulent organisms must be properly disposed of by incineration. To suggest otherwise would be contrary to all generally accepted public health practices."

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Supplemental Statement was submitted on this 4th day of October, 1974.

Christan L. Moffett