

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

July 31, 1975

FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY,)
Petitioner,)
v.) PCB 75-227
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,)
Respondent.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Dr. Odell)

On June 2, 1975, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company (Firestone) filed a Petition for Variance with the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board). Firestone requested a Variance from Rule 204 (c) (2) (A) of Chapter 2, Air Pollution Regulations, for one year to allow the use of approximately 820,000 gallons of No. 6 fuel oil with a maximum sulfur content of 1.8% by weight, in order to consume existing supplies on hand as of May 30, 1975. This oil is standby fuel for three boilers located at the Firestone plant in Decatur, Illinois, which provide building heat and process steam for tire manufacturing operations. The three boilers involved (Nos. 4, 5, and 6) in this Petition for Variance are fired with natural gas from Illinois Power Company as a primary fuel and residual oil as a standby fuel for use during periods of natural gas interruption. There is no discharge control equipment on these boilers.

On June 6, 1975, the Board requested more information concerning the ambient air quality in the area affected by Petitioner's facility. This information is needed by the Board in order to evaluate air quality in relation to the United States Supreme Court decision, Train v. Natural Resources Defense Council, 43 LW 4467 (April 15, 1975). Firestone was given thirty (30) days to supply the needed air quality information to the Board or subject its Petition for Variance to dismissal for inadequacy.

Firestone has not submitted the requested air quality information to the Board. Therefore, It Is The Order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board that the instant Petition for Variance is hereby dismissed for inadequacy.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Opinion and Order was adopted on the 31st day of July, 1975, by a vote of 5-0.


Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board