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**Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants 30-day Provisional Variance to Abbott Laboratories**

**Chicago** - The Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a 30-day provisional variance to Abbott Laboratories for its pharmaceutical manufacturing facility located at 1401 Sheridan Road, North Chicago, Lake County, Illinois. The provisional variance will allow Abbott Laboratories to continue to store a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act wastestream composed of mineral oil, heptane, and less than one percent of a Drug Enforcement Agency control substance while Abbott arranges for a qualified waste management organization to transport and dispose of this substance.

This action, docketed as PCB 01-59, was taken by the Board upon notification by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that compliance with the accumulation time requirements set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.134 would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on Abbott Laboratories.

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