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**Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants 45-day Provisional Variance Extension to the Village of Panama**

**Chicago** – On September 20, 2001, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a 45-day provisional variance from various effluent standards to the Village of Panama. That provisional variance was for activities at the wastewater treatment facility in the Village of Panama, Bond County. It allowed for the removal of sludge and installation of a rock filter.

Due to delays resulting from rainfall, the Village of Panama's contractor was not able to complete the work during the original 45-day period. On November 13, 2001, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency recommended that the Board grant a 45-day provision variance extension to the Village of Panama. This action, docketed as PCB 02-57, was taken by the Board upon notification by the Agency that compliance with certain effluent standards, would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on the Village of Panama.

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