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Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants Provisional Variance to City of Benton

Chicago – On October 17, 2002, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a 45-day provisional variance from the monthly average chlorine residual, total suspended solids (TSS), and carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD) effluent limits in the city of Benton's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and 35 Ill. Adm. Code, 304.120(b) and 304.141(a) for the period beginning October 14, 2002. The provisional variance will allow the City of Benton to repair its trickling filter at its wastewater treatment plant in Benton, Franklin County.

On October 15, 2002, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) recommended that the Board grant the provisional variance. This request was docketed as PCB 03-047. The Board granted the provisional variance based on the IEPA's notification that compliance with the monthly average chlorine residual, TSS, and CBOD effluent limits would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on the city of Benton. The applicable standards are contained in 35 Illinois Administrative Code 304.120(b) and 304.141(a) and its NPDES permit (IL0022365).

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