

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

June 21, 1973

LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC )  
WORKS (GRANDWOOD PARK), )  
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Petitioner, )  
 )  
vs. ) PCB 73-139  
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, )  
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Respondent. )

Robert J. Degen for Petitioner  
Richard W. Cosby, Assistant Attorney General for the EPA

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Henss)

Petitioner Lake County Department of Public Works operates a sewage treatment facility consisting of a contact stabilization package plant and tertiary lagoon at Grandwood Park, Illinois. Petitioner is required to meet an effluent standard of 4 mg/l BOD and 5 mg/l suspended solids by December 31, 1973 under Rule 404(f) of Chapter 3, Water Pollution Regulations. Monthly operational reports and Agency sampling indicate that BOD and suspended solids are now substantially above the Standard to be met. In an effort to meet the Standard, Petitioner has requested an EPA permit for expansion of the sewage treatment plant. The Project Completion Schedule establishes a completion date of June 1974 for this facility rather than the December 31, 1973 deadline established by Rule 404(f). The Agency refused to approve the Project Completion Schedule since it did not meet the requirements of 404(f).

Rule 921(d) of Chapter 3 prohibits the issuance of a Construction Permit when a Project Completion Schedule has not been approved. Petitioner requests a variance from 921(d) so that the Construction Permit may issue.

The Agency recommends grant of the variance since a denial would only delay the construction of needed sewage treatment plant improvements. We agree that the construction should proceed as quickly as possible, and therefore grant the variance.

ORDER

For the purpose of proceeding rapidly with its construction of sewage treatment plant improvements Petitioner is granted a variance from the provisions of Rule 921(d) of Chapter 3, Water Pollution Regulations.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Opinion and Order was adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1973 by a vote of 4 to 0.

Christan L. Moffett