

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
September 26, 1972

VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK)
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) #72-355
 v.)
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (BY SAMUEL T. LAWTON, JR.)

Petition for variance was filed by the Village of Palos Park relative to Rule 502 of the Board Rules and Regulations prohibiting open burning (Chapter 2, Part V) to permit the open burning of leaves within the Village. By our order of September 12, 1972, we found the petition inadequate and granted an additional ten days in which to file a supplemental statement specifying what landfills were available for the receiving of leaves, what alternatives to open burning the Village had considered, what costs the Village would incur in complying with the Regulation and why the use of air curtain destructors or comparable facilities would not be feasible.

On September 22, we received a further letter from the Mayor of Palos Park specifying two landfills that were in the area but which refused to accept leaves, and stating that adequate land was not available for municipal composting and that leaf mulching equipment would cost roughly \$6,000 which the Village could not afford. The letter also states "We have had no experience with air curtain destructors but have called for more information. At first glance, it is extremely expensive to operate in our area of dense tree population."

We do not regard the response submitted as complying with our order of September 12, 1972, particularly with respect to the feasibility of using an air curtain destructor or comparable facilities. Until the Village has fully explored these alternatives, and can demonstrate the lack of suitability, a petition for variance of the sort requested is premature.

Accordingly, the petition for variance is dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Order was adopted on the 26th day of Sept, 1972, by a vote of 4 to 0.

