

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
August 23, 1973

MONSANTO COMPANY)
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PCB 73-320)
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)
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INTERIM ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Dumelle)

The petition for variance filed August 6, 1973 is inadequate. Although variance is requested from the 0.0005 mg/l mercury effluent standard (Rule 408(a) and (c)) no data are given as to the levels of mercury now found in the plant effluent or expected to occur over the period of the variance.

Furthermore, recent testimony by a Federal expert (R73-1, March 28, 1973, p. 110-111) has put forth the recommendation of a water quality standard for mercury of 0.00003 mg/l (0.03 ug/l). The Board would like to know the respective areas of the Mississippi River below the effluent discharge point that is brought above both the existing water quality standard for mercury and the Federally-suggested standard by reason of the Monsanto variance.

The Board expects to decide this variance without hearing unless objections are received. Petitioner is ordered to file an amended petition within 45 days supplying requested information.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Interim Order was adopted on the 23rd day of August, 1973 by a vote of 3-0.

Christan L. Moffett

Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board