

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 31, 1972

CEDAR PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION)
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 v.) # PCB 72-29
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

Opinion and Order of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

Cedar Park was granted a variance last year to allow the open burning of a number of diseased trees (# 71-38, (April 14, 1971)). A second application for burning additional trees has been made. We dismiss the petition on the ground that even if all the allegations were proved the variance could not be granted.

Our regulations regarding open burning have been amended since we entertained the previous application from Cedar Park. We held extensive hearings in which the necessity for burning diseased trees was established and generous procedures adopted to provide for such burning with as little harm to the environment as is practicable. The regulations now allow such burning, by permit, either with the aid of an air-curtain destructor or outside metropolitan areas, on a permit granted by the Agency. No sufficient reason is given why these measures cannot be availed of to minimize the harm to the environment while disposing of diseased trees. The small extra cost noted in the petition is insufficient to justify burning inside the City. All are expected to make some sacrifices in order that the air will be fit to breathe. The petition is hereby dismissed. See Peoria State Hospital v. EPA, #72-19 (January 24, 1972).

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion and Order this 31 day of January, 1972 by vote of 5-0.

Christan Moffett