

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
November 6, 1975

FEDERAL PAPER BOARD COMPANY, INC.)
Petitioner,)
)
v.) PCB 75-247
)
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,)
Respondent.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Goodman):

This matter comes before the Pollution Control Board (Board) upon the August 11, 1975, Petition of the Federal Paper Board Company, Inc. (Federal) for variance from Rules 203(g) (1) (A) and 204(c) (1) (A) of the Air Regulations. The Environmental Protection Agency filed its recommendation on October 23, 1975. No hearing was held.

Federal, a New York corporation, owns and operates a facility in Morris, Grundy County, Illinois, which manufactures packaging cartons from recycled waste paper. At the plant, Federal operates a traveling grate, coal-fired boiler with a rated heat input of 179,000,000 BTU/hr. Federal seeks variance, for this boiler, from Rule 203(g) (1) (A) until July 31, 1975, and from Rule 204(c) (1) (A) for a period of one year. The boiler consumes 800 tons of coal per week, operating 24 hours a day and 6 days a week, and produces 80,000 to 85,000 pounds of steam per hour.

Petitioner seeks variance from 203(g) (1) (A) in order to allow completion of installation and testing of a mechanical centrifugal collector. The multiclone, according to the Agency recommendation, has been installed with a collection efficiency of 90%, bringing Petitioner into compliance with Rule 203(g) (1) (A).

Federal employs 500 people at its Morris Plant and states that it may have to close if its variance is not granted. Due to equipment delays, Federal was two months behind the regulatory compliance date of May 30, 1975. The Board will grant Petitioner variance from Rule 203(g) (1) (A) for its boiler.

Federal also seeks variance from Rule 204(c) (1) (A) for its boiler in order to use its current supply of 2.5% sulfur-coal and for one year to study the applicability of Supplementary Control Systems (SCS) for its plant. Federal refers

to the pending regulatory amendment of R75-5 which would permit SCS in areas outside of Chicago, Peoria, and East St. Louis Major Metropolitan Areas (MMA). Federal's Morris plant is located within the Chicago MMA and, therefore, R75-5 would have no effect upon it. While Federal is free to petition for a regulatory change, the variance procedure was not intended for such use. The Board finds that Petitioner's compliance plan, with respect to Rule 204(c)(1)(A), is inadequate and therefore, must deny variance from that rule.

This Opinion constitutes the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Board in this matter.

ORDER

It is the Order of the Pollution Control Board that:

- 1) Federal Paper Board Company, Inc., be, and is hereby, granted variance from Rule 203(g)(1)(A) until July 31, 1975 for its boiler at Morris, Illinois; and
- 2) Federal Paper Board Company, Inc.'s petition for variance from 204(c)(1)(A) be, and is hereby, dismissed without prejudice.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Opinion and Order were adopted on the 6th day of November 1975 by a vote of 4-0.


Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board