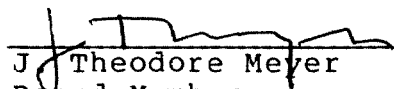


ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
August 4, 1988

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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JOINT PETITION OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA)
AND THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY FOR EXCEPTION TO) PCB 88-52
THE COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO))
REGULATIONS.)

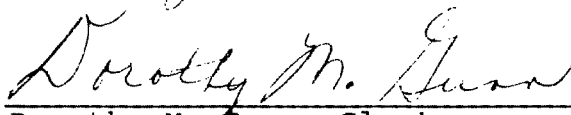
CONCURRING OPINION (by J. Theodore Meyer):

I concur in the result reached by the majority, because the control alternative accepted by the Board will make some improvements to Ottawa's sewer system. However, I must point out that although Ottawa committed to spending \$5.74 million on its chosen alternative, the city may only have to pay about \$1.73 million of that cost. The other \$4.01 million may well come from a state grant program which provides up to 70 percent of the necessary funding for federally required sewer projects. I recognize that this state grant program is beneficial to local units of government and to taxpayers. I note, however, that the compliance alternative chosen by Ottawa and accepted by the Board will only deal with the worst overflow problems, and will alleviate only "the most critical" areas of basement flooding. (Majority opinion, p. 12.) My point is that the \$4.01 million which Ottawa has been relieved from financing could well be used to further upgrade the sewer system and eliminate all basement flooding.



J. Theodore Meyer
Board Member

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Concurring Opinion was submitted on the 8th day of September, 1988.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board