

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 22, 1971

AMOCO CHEMICALS CORP.)
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v.) # 71-124
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UNION OIL CO.)
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Opinion and Order of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

These are two more petitions for variances to allow open burning of small quantities of fuel to instruct employees in firefighting techniques. We have consistently held that such burning, under appropriate conditions, is justifiable (e.g., Deere & Co. v. EPA, # 70-20, Dec. 22, 1970). We grant these two petitions on conditions suggested by the Agency.

Amoco Chemicals Corp. is hereby granted permission to conduct open burning for firefighting instruction purposes until November 1, 1971, and Union Oil Co. until July 22, 1972, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Burning shall take place at the locations described in the petitions; types and amounts of materials burned and frequency and duration of burning shall be as described in the petitions;
- 2) burning shall take place only when the wind speed is from 5-20 mph and only when the sky is not overcast;
- 3) burning shall be confined to the period from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
- 4) petitioners shall file a report every six months with the Agency briefly describing each training session. Each description shall state the number of trainees attending, the types and amounts of combustibles burned, the date and time of burning, the total duration of burning, the estimated smoke emissions and a description of the weather conditions.

I, Regina E. Ryan, Clerk of the Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion and Order this 22 of July, 1971.