

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

TROJAN-U.S. POWDER DIVISION)
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

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Concurring Opinion (by Mr. Currie and Mr. Lawton):

We agree with the Board's opinion in all respects save one; we would not allow the open burning of the remaining explosive wastes at Marion to be done at the plant site.

The proposed burning site at Marion is a singularly poor place for open burning. It is in a federal game refuge, a place set aside by law for the protection of wildlife, and the manager of the refuge has not only banned open burning within its borders without a variance from the State (R. 155, 156) but has opposed the grant of this variance (Recommendation, p. 2). There are few enough places in this world where geese and ducks can while away the time in security; it is sacrilege to defile their few remaining sanctuaries by the burning of explosive wastes. Yellowstone Park is remote too; that does not make it a place to do one's polluting. The Agency points out that another explosives manufacturer with a plant in the same refuge manages to truck its wastes outside for burning (Recommendation, p. 4). Trojan should do so as well.