

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
December 19, 1996

MID-AMERICAN WASTE SYSTEMS OF)
ILLINOIS, INC., ILLINOIS)
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, and)
ALLIED WASTE INDUSTRIES)
(MIDWEST), INC., d/b/a)
Groen Waste Services Transfer Station,)
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Petitioners,)
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v.) PCB 97-67
) (Permit Appeal - Land)
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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
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Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C.A. Manning):

On October 7, 1996 Mid-American Waste Systems of Illinois, Inc., Illinois Development Corporation, and Allied Waste Industries (Midwest), Inc., d/b/a Groen Waste Services Transfer Station (petitioners) filed a notice of extension of the 35-day appeal period pursuant to Section 40 of the Environmental Protection Act, relating to a September 12, 1996 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) determination. The Agency, on October 17, 1996, filed its agreement to the extension. The Agency requested the extension "to December 11, 1996, or any other date not more than a total of 90 days from the date of the Agency's final determination." The final determination concerns the petitioners' site located in Cook County, Illinois. On December 13, 1996 the Board received the petitioner's petition for review. This matter is accepted for hearing.

The hearing must be scheduled and completed in a timely manner, consistent with Board practices and the applicable statutory decision deadline, or the decision deadline as extended by a waiver. (Petitioner may file a waiver of the statutory decision deadline pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.105.) The Board will assign a hearing officer to conduct hearings consistent with this order, and the Clerk of the Board shall promptly issue appropriate directions to that assigned hearing officer.

The assigned hearing officer shall inform the Clerk of the Board of the time and location of the hearing at least 40 days in advance of hearing so that public notice of hearing may be published. After hearing, the hearing officer shall submit an exhibit list, a statement regarding credibility of witnesses, and all actual exhibits to the Board within five days of the hearing.

Any briefing schedule shall provide for final filings as expeditiously as possible and, in time-limited cases, no later than 30 days prior to the decision due date, which is the final regularly scheduled Board meeting date on or before the statutory or deferred decision deadline. Absent any future waivers of the decision deadline, the statutory decision deadline is now April 12, 1997 (120 days from December 13, 1996); the Board meeting immediately preceding the decision deadline is scheduled for April 3, 1997.

If after appropriate consultation with the parties, the parties fail to provide an acceptable hearing date or if after an attempt the hearing officer is unable to consult with the parties, the hearing officer shall unilaterally set a hearing date in conformance with the schedule above. The hearing officer and the parties are encouraged to expedite this proceeding as much as possible. The Board notes that Board rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.102) require the Agency to file the entire Agency record of the permit application within 14 days of notice of the petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 1996, by a vote of _____.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board