

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
August 5, 1971

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR AGENCY)
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (BY MR. CURRIE):

The State Fair Agency seeks a variance to burn the interior of a dilapidated building on the fair grounds. The burning building is ostensibly to be used for fire fighting training, but the petition strongly implies that the primary purpose of the fire is to "remove an eyesore from the fairgrounds".

Although the variance petition discusses neither the hardship which might be imposed in seeking an alternative training facility nor the impact of the possible pollution on the public as required by Board Rules, the recommendation by the Environmental Protection Agency touches on both matters.

The investigation by the Agency disclosed that three residences are located within 250 yards of the site and one resident objected to the variance. Further, there is no indication that any attempt was made to consolidate training with other area fire departments or to use alternate nearby training facilities which are used by the City of Springfield.

The building can be removed by non-polluting means and the firemen can be trained at an alternate site.

The petition is denied.

I, Regina E. Ryan, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Opinion and Order was adopted on the 5th day of August, 1971.

