

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

March 31, 1971

In the Matter Of:)
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REVISIONS OF WABASH RIVER STANDARDS)

Opinion of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

On December 28, 1970, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency filed a proposal for an amendment to the Wabash River Interstate Water Quality Standards, SWB-9. The proposal requested that the North Fork of the Vermilion River be considered an interstate stream and be included in the regulations. The addition of that stream would require the inclusion of two communities, Hoopeston and Rossville which discharge to it, in the timetable for additional treatment requirements contained in SWB-9.

In accordance with the statute, the Board held a public hearing on March 5, 1970 in Danville on the proposed amendment. At that hearing Mr. Glenn Pratt of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency introduced as evidence two United States Geological Survey maps which clearly show the interstate nature of the North Fork of the Vermilion River. It follows that the two above mentioned communities, Hoopeston and Rossville should be subject to the regulations contained in SWB-9. Both communities, previous to this change had been considered subject to the Intrastate Water Quality Standards in SWB-14 and therefore already under the July 1972 compliance deadline for adequate sewage treatment facilities. The transfer from SWB-14 to SWB-9 in no way changes their respective deadlines for final compliance.

I Concur:

I Dissent:

David P. Currie

Joseph D. Hargrett

Charles J. Pratt

Glenn Pratt

Samuel A. Bedrich

I, Regina E. Ryan, do certify that the Board has adopted the above opinion this 31st day of March, 1971.

Regina E. Ryan

Regina E. Ryan, Clerk of the Board