

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR INFORMAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 1971, 189 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO

Messrs. McDonald and Ownbey addressed the Board with regard to federal regulations governing grants for the construction of sewage treatment facilities. Of particular importance to the Board was the requirement that a state have approved water quality standards for the receiving stream in order to qualify for full federal aid. Mr. Currie said the Board needed to know exactly what additional amendments to the standards were necessary in order to obtain full approval and that the Board would move expeditiously to adopt the needed changes. He reported that he and Messrs. Blaser and Schneiderman would appear February 15 before the Water Pollution and Water Resources Commission to explain the entire status of the bond issue programs.

Mr. McDonald offered to supply assistance in the drafting of new regulations regarding operation and maintenance of sewage treatment plants. Mr. Blomgren of the Illinois EPA said his agency was working on a revision of existing rules on this subject. Mr. Currie said he would ask for federal help for this project. Mr. Blomgren said he was also working on a revision of the standards for treatment plant design. Mr. Currie said the Institute was doing the same and hoped the two would work together. Mr. Blomgren said they would. After discussion of the question of regionalization Mr. Blomgren said EPA had been encouraging regionalization for years but lacks power to require it. He thought a Board policy statement on the subject would be helpful.

The Board authorized immediate publication of the Babcock proposal for Chicago particular standards, #R 71-4, in order to give maximum notice before the next hearing, and consolidated the proposal with #R 70-15, the Chicago implementation plan. 8

The Board then discussed a revised proposal regarding effluent standards, #R 70-8. Mr. Dumelle said with regard to the question of background concentrations that a user should not be required to put water back into a stream cleaner than it was when taken in, but that to subtract background before determining whether the standard was violated would allow the discharge of dangerous concentrations and allow stream levels to increase after each use. Mr. Kissel asked about the limitation of several of the proposed standards to "dissolved" materials. Mr. Kee said this was merely explanatory of existing practice, since standard tests measure only dissolved materials in many cases. Mr. Aldrich said a standard applicable only to dissolved materials might not suffice in some cases, since upon removal of the dissolved matter additional material in suspension might then dissolve. Mr. Kissel

thought the standards ought to be more carefully reexamined before publication of a revision since a new draft implied that the changes were based on the record. Mr. Currie said he thought a revised draft did not necessarily commit the Board to anything and that it was desirable to get public views on the new proposal. With Mr. Kissel abstaining, the Board authorized publication of the revised draft.

After discussion Mr. Lawton agreed to prepare opinions for Board consideration in ##70-18, EPA v. Container Stapling Co., and 70-27, Medusa Portland Cement Co. v. EPA, and Mr. Currie to prepare an opinion in # 70-28, Tammsco v. EPA. The Board agreed to continue the meeting until February 11 for discussion of #70-29, Texaco v. EPA, in which the deadline for decision was approaching and the transcript was late arriving.

Because of the 90-day deadline the Board approved opinions and orders prepared by Mr. Currie in ##70-37, 70-42, and 70-47, variance petitions by the cities of Winchester, Herrin, and Carlinville. The first two were granted as to diseased trees only, and the last was held inadequate.

Mr. Lawton reported that both parties had agreed to the revised order in # 70-10, EPA v. Truax-Traer Coal Co., and the decision was scheduled for February 17.

Mr. Kissel reported on the Dresden case, and the Board agreed to discuss it February 22.

On February 11 the Board met briefly to consider the opinion prepared by Mr. Currie in the Texaco case, #70-29, pursuant to its order of adjournment. Mr. Currie reported that he had obtained an additional waiver of the 90-day limit from the company so that the case could be decided at the formal meeting February 17.

I, Regina E. Ryan, certify that the Board has approved the above minutes this 28th day of April, 1971.


