ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

August 5, 1971

M & S WOOD & PAPER CORP.	)	
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v.	)	# 71-199
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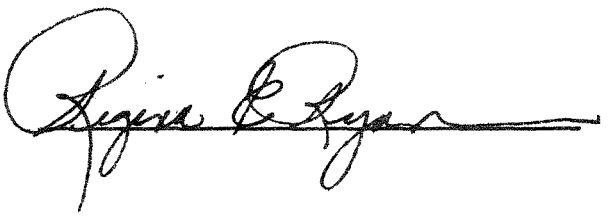
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY	)	

Opinion and Order of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

The company seeks a variance to burn scrap lumber up to five hours each week. This lumber is collected from Chrysler's Belvidere plant and is normally disposed of in a landfill; the petition asks to burn it when the landfill unloading equipment has broken down and on Saturday afternoons when the landfill is closed. We think these allegations are insufficient to support the grant of a variance even if all the facts alleged are proved. Consequently no purpose would be served by a hearing, and the petition will be dismissed. Variances are reserved for cases of arbitrary or unreasonable hardship; we cannot see that having to make temporary arrangements for holding the lumber until the landfill is able to take it would impose such a hardship as to justify open burning. Variances are not lightly to be granted.

The petition is dismissed.

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