

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 16, 1995

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
PETITION OF STEPAN COMPANY)
FOR AN ADJUSTED STANDARD) AS 88-2
FROM 35 ILL. ADM. CODE) (Adjusted Standard-Air)
215 SUBPART I)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Yi):

This matter comes before the Board on Stepan's August 5, 1988, petition for an adjusted standard. The Board's order of December 1, 1994, directed Stepan to file a status report on or before February 3, 1995. Stepan filed a status report in this matter on February 3, 1995.

This matter is related to federal regulations in a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) extended the stay of those federal regulations in relation to Stepan on March 3, 1992. (57 Fed. Reg. 7549.) Stepan reported in a previous status report that on December 1, 1993, USEPA filed a status report in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (Court) pertaining to Stepan's appeal of the federal regulations. The pertinent part of USEPA status report stated:

EPA has published a notice in the Federal Register staying the rules applicable to both Stepan and Duo-Fast, pending EPA's reconsideration of those rules, but only if and as long as necessary to complete reconsideration. (57 Fed. Reg. 7549 (March 3, 1992).)

Regarding EPA's reconsideration of regulations concerning Stepan, on October 1, 1993 EPA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing site-specific control requirements for Stepan's Milldale facility. 58 Fed. Reg. 51279. On October 8, 1993, Stepan requested that the 30-day public comment period be extended 60 days. As a result of the request, EPA Region 5 has prepared and forwarded to EPA headquarters a Federal Register notice which would grant Stepan a 45-day extension of time (to December 16, 1993).

On January 5, 1995 USEPA filed a status report stating that it is still reviewing Stepan's comments that were filed on February 15, 1994. The Court upon consideration of the status report filed by USEPA, ordered USEPA to file another status report on March 1, 1995.

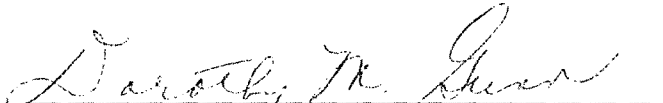
Stepan continues to request that the Board allow this docket to remain open. Stepan is concerned that it could be caught

between conflicting state and federal regulations should this proceeding go forward or be dismissed before the federal rulemaking is finalized and the federal appeal is resolved. Stepan is also monitoring two pending rulemaking dockets, R94-21 and R94-33, which may affect Stepan's site-specific rulemaking petition. Stepan proposes to provide the Board with another status report on or before April 4, 1995.

Given that USEPA has stayed the effectiveness of the federal regulations as they apply to Stepan pending reconsideration, the Board will renew the stay of the proceedings in this matter until April 20, 1995. Stepan is directed to file a timely status report on or before April 7, 1995 or when USEPA finalizes the FIP, whichever comes first with the Board. The hearing officer is directed to establish future extensions of the stay in this matter and status report schedule as necessary.

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 16th day of February, 1995, by a vote of 7-0.


Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board