

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
September 4, 1987

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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VOLATILE ORGANIC MATERIAL ) R82-14  
EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY )  
SOURCES: RACT III )

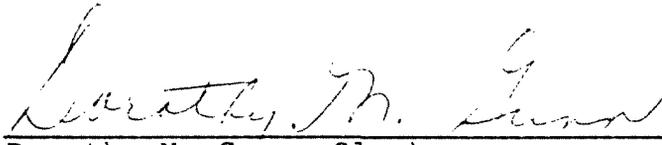
ORDER OF THE BOARD (by B. Forcade):

On August 20, 1987, the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M) filed a motion requesting an opportunity to appear before the Board. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) filed a response on August 27, 1987, that the Board should strike or deny 3M's motion. The basis for 3M's motion is that as a consequence of 3M's recent amendment of its site-specific proposal at the close of the comment period, the Board may desire further factual development or explanation. 3M alternatively requests a hearing, an informal hearing, a pre-hearing or an opportunity for oral argument. The Agency argues that it would be unfair to allow 3M an additional opportunity to present facts and arguments after the record has closed.

3M's motion is denied. The Board believes that the existing record is sufficient for reasoned decisionmaking and that the benefits to be gained by an additional hearing are limited and offset by the further delay that would result. The Board does not believe that an informal hearing or pre-hearing meeting would be appropriate. Additionally, while the Board does have the authority to entertain oral argument, this procedure is only utilized in extremely rare circumstances. The record adequately reflects the positions of the participants in this proceeding and needs no further elaboration at this time.

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 4th day of September, 1987, by a vote of 2-0.

  
Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board