

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 8, 1987

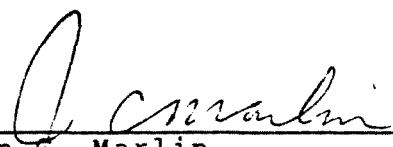
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 v.) PCB 86-152
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 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)
 AGENCY,)
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 Respondent.)

CONCURRING OPINION (by J. Marlin):

I supported the Order and Opinion denying Chanute's prior variance request in PCB 84-24. While the current request is similar, the facts have changed enough that I will not dissent from granting this variance.

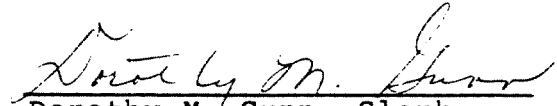
In the prior proceeding, Chanute sought relief from standards which would essentially allow it to shut down its Calgon treatment facility. At the present time, that facility is not functioning apparently because it needs replacement parts. The discussion of the Calgon facility is sketchy at best. The petitioner has not bothered to inform the Board when the unit was shut down or give any details as to why it was shut down. However, the information provided as a whole is superior to that of the prior variance. In many ways, the hardship in this situation is self imposed. There is a long history of operational problems and certain decisions which were clearly not optimal.

I am supporting this variance mainly because Chanute will be connecting to a regional treatment plant during the coming year. It would make no sense to attempt to repair the existing system given that it would take at least six months to obtain and install the necessary equipment which would be rendered obsolete after only a few months use, particularly given the minimal environmental impact expected during the variance period.



John C. Marlin

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Concurring Opinion was filed on the 1st day of January, 1987.


Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board