

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
September 23, 1983

TOWN OF OTTAWA,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	PCB 83-135
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LA SALLE COUNTY BOARD &)	
STATES LAND IMPROVEMENT)	
CORP.,)	
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Respondents.)	
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VILLAGE OF NAPLATE,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	PCB 83-136
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LA SALLE COUNTY BOARD &)	
STATES LAND IMPROVEMENT)	
CORP.,)	
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Respondents.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Anderson):

These actions are third party appeals filed pursuant to P.A. 82-682 (SB172). By separate filings on September 16, 1982, the Town of Ottawa (Town) and the Village of Naplate (Village) each are appealing the resolution of the LaSalle County Board (LaSalle) adopted August 15, 1983 as amended September 12, 1983 granting site location suitability approval to States Land Improvement Corporation to construct a new regional pollution control facility to accept, handle, and dispose of municipal waste and non hazardous special waste in an unincorporated area of Ottawa Township.

Each appeal of the County's decision was timely filed. As required by Section 40.1(b) of the Act, the Board finds that each matter should proceed to hearing, as each petition is a) not duplicitous or frivolous, b) indicates that the municipality participated in the County's public hearing, and c) indicates that the municipality is located adjacent to and would be affected by the facility.

As each action involves the same County decision concerning the same facility, the Board on its own motion consolidates these cases for the purpose of hearing.

SB 172, as codified in Section 40.1(a) of the Act, provides that the hearing before the Board is to "be based exclusively on the record before the county board." The statute does not specify who is to file with the Board the record before the County or who is to certify to the completeness or correctness of the record.

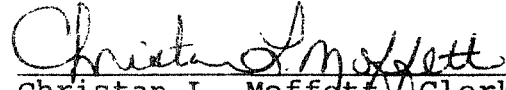
As the LaSalle County Board alone can verify and certify what exactly is the entire record before it, in the interest of protecting the rights of all parties to this action, and in order to satisfy the intention of SB 172, the Board believes that LaSalle County must be the party to prepare and file the record on appeal. The Board suggests that guidance in so doing can be had by reference to Rule 502(a)(4) of the Board's Procedural Rules and to Rules 321 through 324 of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules. In addition to the actual documents which comprise the record, the County Board Clerk shall also prepare a document entitled "Certificate of Record on Appeal" which shall list the documents comprising the record. Two copies of the certificate and the record shall be filed with the Board, and a copy of the certificate shall be served upon the petitioner. As these requirements have not previously been applied to LaSalle County, the County Clerk is given 21 days from the date of this Order to "prepare, bind and certify the record on appeal" (Ill. Supreme Court, Rule 324).

Section 40.1(b) provides that the petition shall be heard "in accordance with the terms of" Section 40.1(a). Section 40.1(a) provides that if there is no final action by the Board within 90 days, petitioner may deem the site location approved.

The Board has construed identical "in accordance with the terms of" language contained in Section 40(b) of the Act concerning third-party appeals of the grant of hazardous waste landfill permits as giving the respondent who had received the permit a) the right to a decision within 90 days, and b) the right to waive (extend) the decision period (Alliance for a Safe Environment, et al. v. Akron Land Corp. et al., PCB 80-184, Oct. 30, 1980). The Board therefore construes Section 40.1(b) in like manner, with the result that failure of the Board to act in 90 days would allow respondent to deem the site location approved. Pursuant to Procedural Rule 504, it is each petitioner's responsibility to pursue its action, to insist that a hearing on its petition is timely scheduled, and to insure that a transcript of the hearing is timely filed with the Board in order to allow the Board to review the record and to render its decision within 90 days of the filing of the petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Order was adopted on the 23rd day of September 1983 by a vote of 5-0.



Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board