

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 19, 1984

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 v.) PCB 83-147
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 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
 PROTECTION AGENCY,)
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 Respondent.)

CONCURRING OPINION (by J. D. Dumelle):

My reason for concurring is that I do not agree with the emphasis by the Board Majority on a de minimus tradeoff between flooding and bacterial concentration (p. 3 of Opinion).

In my Supplemental Statement of March 21, 1984 this question was discussed at length. The 186,000 gallons of water diverted in a 1.3 inches per hour storm is not de minimus to me. It is a quantity sufficient to theoretically flood 40 homes to a one foot depth in their basements. (The actual number of homes flooded and the depth resulting will depend upon hydraulic factors.)

The prime hazard when basement flooding occurs is electrocution. To me, the environmental gain is clear. Basement flooding will be reduced by this variance and the project should go forward.



Jacob D. Dumelle, Chairman

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Concurring Opinion was filed on the 24th day of July, 1984.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board