

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

January 4, 2001

STEPAN COMPANY,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 01-72
)	(Permit Appeal - Air)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C.A. Manning):

On December 27, 2000, Stepan Company (Stepan) filed a petition for review, a waiver of the decision deadline, and, along with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency), a joint motion to stay the proceedings.

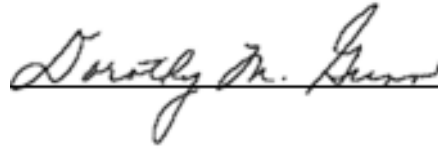
Stepan notes it has filed a petition for review of certain conditions contained in a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit granted by the Agency, in order to preserve its right to appeal in this matter. The Board accepts this matter for hearing.

However, Stepan and the Agency note that progress in resolving this dispute has been made over the last three months, and that a stay of the proceedings, including a stay of the scheduling of a hearing and of the filing of the Agency's answer and record, is needed to conserve the resources of the parties and the Board while settlement discussions continue. The stay requested is open-ended, and Stepan has filed a waiver of the Board's decision deadline until 120 days after such stay is lifted.

The Board declines to grant a stay for an indefinite period of time. The Board grants the motion for stay of the proceedings until July 3, 2001, that is, until 180 days from the date of this order. Accordingly, pursuant to Stepan's waiver, the decision deadline is now October 31, 2001. The parties are free to seek an additional stay of this proceeding, provided that settlement discussions continue and any additional request for stay is accompanied by an additional waiver of the decision deadline.

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 January 2001 by a vote of 7-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dorothy M. Gunn", is written over a horizontal line.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board