

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

November 7, 2002

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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SITE SPECIFIC RULE FOR CITY OF)
EFFINGHAM TREATMENT PLANT) R03-11
FLUORIDE DISCHARGE, 35 ILL. ADM.) (Rulemaking – Water)
CODE 304.233)

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

On October 22, 2002, the City of Effingham (City), Blue Beacon International, Inc. (BBI) and Truckomat Corporation (Truckomat) (referred to collectively as “petitioners”) filed a proposal for rulemaking under Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/27 (2000)), to change regulations governing fluoride found in the Board’s rules at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(g). The petition was accompanied by a motion to waive the 200-signature requirement of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.202(f).

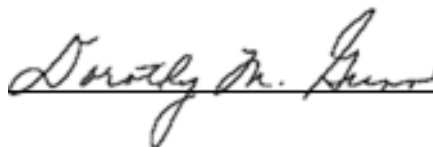
BBI and Truckomat operate truck washes in Effingham, Effingham County. The wastewater from the truck washes contains fluoride resulting from the brighteners used in washing the trucks. Petitioners state that there are no alternative replacements for these brighteners, and discontinuing their use would cause a severe negative economic impact. Petitioners further state that the site specific fluoride level proposed will be protective of aquatic life, human health, and the environment as a whole.

The wastewater discharges into an unnamed tributary of Salt Creek, which flows into the Little Wabash River, 37 miles upstream from the City of Flora. The City’s current daily fluoride effluent limit is 1.4 mg/l, the same as the 1.4 mg/l water quality standard. The City seeks an effluent limit of 4.5 mg/l subject to the averaging rule of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.104.

The Board grants petitioners’ motion to waive the signature requirement, and accepts the proposal for hearing. The Board directs the hearing officer assigned to this matter to schedule hearings as required by Title VII of the Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the Board adopted the above order on November 7, 2002, by a vote of 6-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board