

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

REGULAR INFORMAL MEETING - DECEMBER 21, 1970

189 W. Madison St., Chicago, Illinois

At the Board's invitation, Messrs. Rockwell, Ducharme, and Smedile of the Northeast Illinois Planning Commission appeared to discuss the problem of regional sewage treatment. Mr. Rockwell urged that land-use considerations be borne in mind in any plan for treatment plant construction, so that expansion of a plant not encourage growth in the wrong place. Mr. Smedile described an example of regional planning problems in Lake County. Mr. Ducharme said the SWB-14 1972 construction deadline was forcing the Commission to approve plant plans without regard to land use plans. Mr. Dumelle responded that while land use considerations should be taken into account, the Board hoped to accelerate, not to slow down compliance with the pollution laws. Mr. Rockwell said the 1969 plan of the DuPage Public Works Department had proposed north-south trunk sewers in conflict with NIPC's finger development plan, and that NIPC's revision of this plan had been defeated at the polls because communities with their own facilities did not want to pay for more plants. Legislation would soon be introduced, he said, to divide the county into 8 or 9 districts with local assessment powers, and the same idea was good for Lake County. MSD, he said, feels a need to serve all areas, contradicting notions of a plan that would channel development to suitable areas. Mr. Ducharme said NIPC in giving its views on applications for federal grants tried to give higher priority to plans that would correct existing pollution than to those that would develop new areas.

The Board agreed to pass on the final mercury standard December 22 and to put over the air quality standards for automotive pollutants on the basis of the letter from Mr. Rossin of Argonne questioning the study on which the federal recommendation regarding carbon monoxide was based. The Board agreed also to decide the following cases December 22: Nestle, Deere, Olin, and Ozark. Glendale Heights was put over because the passage of the local bond issue made immediate decision less pressing. Mr. Currie agreed to prepare opinions in the Winchester and Jacksonville cases as soon as recommendations were received from the EPA.

Mr. Lawton reported that the respondent in Cooling had signified his willingness to pay the penalty imposed by the Board. The Board agreed to discuss # 70-4, EPA v. Commonwealth Edison Co., on January 18, and to ask the federal EPA to conduct a seminar on advanced waste treatment. It was reported that

the Lake Michigan Conference would reconvene in February, and at Mr. Dumelle's suggestion the Board agreed to write Mr. Ruckelshaus to reiterate the procedural requests made earlier to conference chairman Stein.

I, Christan Moffett, certify that the Board has approved the above minutes this 25th day of April, 1972, by a vote of 5-0.

Christan Moffett