

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 6, 1997

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DEFINITION) R96-16
OF VOM, USEPA AMENDMENTS) (Identical In Substance Rules--
(February 7, 1996; Perchloroethylene)) Air)

DISSENTING OPINION (by J. Theodore Meyer):

This is a federally mandated rulemaking and as such the Board may not challenge the scientific justification for exempting perchloroethylene from the definition of volatile organic material (VOM). However, I am compelled to voice my objection. Perchloroethylene is volatile and is widely used by the dry cleaning industry. The cost of condensing perchloroethylene is minimal, especially when compared to the risk it poses to human health and the environment. This rulemaking is a classic example of government acquiescing to a special interest group and I cannot support its promulgation.

For these reasons, I respectfully dissent.

J. Theodore Meyer

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above dissenting opinion was filed on the ____ day of _____, 1997.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board