

"2. The true object of the Environmental Protection Act should be to seek and obtain compliance with said Act, and not to punish.

- (a) A person who, by reason of his ignorance of the Act, which was new, and, in the respect in which enforcement was sought here, was little publicized, and who, upon becoming informed of the provisions of said Act, agreed to cease and desist from further violation, and who has, in fact, ceased and desisted from any further violation, should not be subjected to the severe penalty imposed by the Board in this case."

"3. Respondent has cooperated with the Board, and, by stipulation to the facts of the matter, has eliminated the necessity and expense of a formal hearing, including the production of witnesses to prove the case against him."

The reasons asserted, even if true, do not entitle respondent to a re-hearing of the case nor is any error or misunderstanding on the part of the Board asserted that requires a modification of the order. All matters alleged were or should have been asserted as a part of the stipulation or, alternatively, should have been brought out in a hearing in the absence of a stipulation.

We find the contentions lacking in merit and deny the petition for re-hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Opinion was adopted on the 17 day of May, 1972, by a vote of 4 to 0.


