

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
June 16, 1988

VILLAGE OF BLUFFS, )  
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 Petitioner, )  
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 v. ) PCB 88-101  
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 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL )  
 PROTECTION AGENCY, )  
 )  
 Respondent. )

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.D. Dumelle):

This matter comes before the Board upon receipt of a June 15, 1988, Agency Recommendation. The Agency recommends the Board grant the requested provisional variance from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.120(a).

Petitioner, the Village of Bluffs owns and operates a 0.135 MGD, DAF wastewater treatment facility. Effluent is discharged to Wolfrun Creek, Coon Run Creek, and the Illinois River. Petitioner has decided to install new aeration equipment, requiring the lowering of water levels in 3 lagoon cells. Therefore, a variance is needed for dewatering wastewater from the lagoons. Because dewatering of the lagoons is essential for completion of necessary work, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency agrees with Petitioner, that denial of the requested provisional variance would work an arbitrary and unreasonable hardship on the Village of Bluffs. The Agency also agreed that environmental impact would be minimal and that no public water supplies would be adversely affected by granting the requested provisional variance.

ORDER

The Board hereby grants the Village of Bluffs a provisional variance from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.120(a) subject to the following conditions:

- a. Variance shall commence upon June 17, 1988 or when dewatering of the lagoons is begun, whichever occurs first.
- b. Variance shall terminate when all the wastewater which can be drained by gravity (top five feet) is discharged or June 30, 1988, whichever occurs first.

- c. Petitioner's effluent shall be limited to 50 mg/l BOD and 75 mg/l TSS, both monthly averages.
- d. Petitioner shall sample their effluent weekly for the parameters mentioned in their NPDES permit and report their results on their DMR.
- e. Petitioner shall notify Bud Bridgewater of the Agency's Springfield Regional Office via telephone at 217/786-6892 when dewatering is begun, when the work is completed and when the lagoons are refilling. Written notification confirming the telephone notification shall be submitted within 5 days thereof. Written confirmation of each notification shall be sent within 5 days to the following addresses:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
4500 South 6th Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
ATTN: Bud Bridgewater

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Compliance Assurance Section  
2200 Churchill Road  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276  
ATTN: Mark T. Books

- f. Petitioner shall at all times continue to disinfect its effluent discharge.
- g. Petitioner shall operate and maintain the wastewater treatment facility so as to produce the best effluent practicable.
- h. Petitioner shall, within 10 days of the date of this Order, execute a Certificate of Acceptance and Agreement which shall be sent to Mark T. Books at the address indicated above.

This variance shall be void if Petitioner fails to execute and forward the certificate within the ten day period. The ten day period shall be held in abeyance during any period that this matter is being appealed. The form of said Certification shall be as follows:

CERTIFICATION

I, (We), The Village of Bluffs, having read the Order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, in PCB 88-101, dated June 16, 1988, understand and accept the said Order, realizing that such acceptance renders all terms and conditions thereto binding and enforceable.

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Petitioner

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By: Authorized Agent

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Title

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Date

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above Opinion and Order was adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1988 by a vote of 7-0.

Dorothy M. Gunn  
Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board