

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 6, 1975

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IN THE MATTER OF WATER)
POLLUTION REGULATIONS) R73-3
REVISIONS) R73-4
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ORDER OF THE BOARD (by Mr. Dumelle):

On March 8, 1973 the Environmental Protection Agency filed with the Board proposed regulations dealing with Rules 404(f) (ii), 406, and 602(c)(3) of the Water Pollution Regulations. These were designated R73-3 and published in Newsletter No. 62 on March 19, 1973. An allied proposal for a new Rule 409 was designated R73-4 and published at the same time.

Hearings were held on April 18, 1973 in Chicago and April 24, 1973 in Peoria. On July 19, 1973 the Board entered an order enacting Rule 409 and Rule 602(c)(3). The proceeding was left open for further action on Rule 406 (ammonia nitrogen).

The basic document entered (Ex. 7) in this proceeding was the "Report on Ammonia and Inland Fisheries" dated 1970, published by the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission (EIFAC) Working Party on Water Quality Criteria. Since that time a new document has been issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency which bears upon the possible use of un-ionized ammonia levels as a water quality standard in lieu of the present Illinois total ammonia standard.

The new book "Water Quality Criteria 1972" written by the National Academy of Science and the National Academy of Engineering was received by the Board in November 1974. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that a final draft of the report on water quality criteria required by Section 304(a) of P.L. 92-500 (the Federal Water Pollution Control Act) will be completed in February 1975 and published in June 1975.

It is highly desirable that the Board take advantage of the latest scientific findings. This cause is therefore

terminated and a new proceeding will be initiated if the new reports indicate a basis for change. Materials and testimony developed in this proceeding can be incorporated into any future cause. This proceeding is terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Christan L. Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify the above Order was adopted on the 6th day of February, 1975 by a vote of 4-0.


Christan L. Moffett, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board