

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 6, 1973

OLIN CORPORATION)
(EAST ALTON))
) #72-450
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v.)
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (BY SAMUEL T. LAWTON, JR.):

On March 3, 1971, in Case #70-48, we granted petitioner the right to burn its existing stock of 1.14% sulphur coal during air pollution episodes in the event of an interruption of petitioner's natural gas supply. The regulation would otherwise require the burning of coal not in excess of 1% sulphur content.

This variance was extended on February 17, 1972 in Case #71-374 to February 17, 1973. The present petition seeks a further one-year extension of the variance. We believe the circumstances which justified the original allowance continue. However, the variance is extended only until June 6, 1973. Any further extension of this variance will be granted only upon a demonstration of extreme economic hardship in meeting the requisite standards. Petitioner should take steps to stock pile coal of sulphur content low enough which, when mixed with that presently stock piled, will result in compliance with the Regulation. The dangers inherent in episode conditions require compliance with the emission regulations at this time, above all others.

This opinion constitutes the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Board.

IT IS THE ORDER of the Pollution Control Board that the variance granted in Case #70-48 and extended by our Order in Case #71-374 is extended to June 6, 1973, to permit Olin Corporation to burn its existing stock of coal containing not more than 1.14% sulphur during air pollution episodes under the following conditions:

1. Olin shall replace the coal, when consumed, with coal meeting the regulation limits; and
2. Olin shall notify the Agency immediately in the event a gas outage occurs during episode conditions.

I, Christian Moffett, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the above Opinion and Order was adopted on the 6th Day of February, 1973, by a vote of 3 to 0.

