

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
August 5, 1971

CATERPILLAR TRACTOR COMPANY)
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) #PCB71-140
 v.)
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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (BY MR. CURRIE):

This is yet another petition for variance to allow open burning of limited amounts of material to instruct employees in fire fighting practices. We have, on numerous occasions, held that such burning, subject to certain conditions, is justifiable (e.g., Deere & Co. v. EPA, #70-20, December 22, 1970). We grant the petition subject to the recommendation of the Agency that the proposed number of sessions be reduced.

Caterpillar Tractor Company (Aurora Plant) is hereby granted permission to conduct open burning for firefighting instruction purposes until October 15, 1971. The number of sessions to be held shall be limited to a total of six. The petitioner shall file a report with the Agency by November 30, 1971, describing each training session. Each description should state the number of trainees attending, the types and amounts of combustibles burned, the date and type of burning, the total duration of burning and smoke emissions, a description of weather conditions and photographs of the burning which takes place.

I, Regina E. Ryan, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above Opinion and Order this 5th day of August, 1971.

