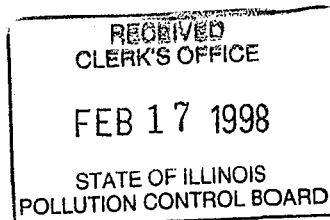


BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD



PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Complainant,

vs.

MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS OF
ILLINOIS, INC.,

Respondent.

PCB No. 97-179
(Enforcement)

NOTICE OF FILING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I mailed for filing with the Clerk of the
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Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

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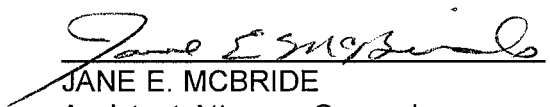
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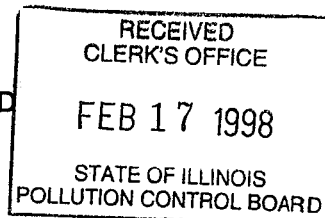
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JOINT STATUS REPORT

The Complainant, People of the State of Illinois, by its attorney, James E. Ryan, the Attorney General of the State of Illinois, pursuant to Hearing Officer Order of January 23, 1998, and with consent of counsel for the Respondent, MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS OF ILLINOIS, INC., hereby files the following status report..

1. The Complaint was filed in this case on April 7, 1997.
2. Since April of 1997, Respondent has been taking measures to correct the emission problems at its plant. Respondent has submitted two applications for a construction permit for wet electrostatic precipitators and baghouse for the two dryers that are the subject of this complaint. Both applications were denied with reasons for the denial by the Illinois EPA. Respondent has submitted a third application for a construction permit. The Illinois EPA has not yet issued a decision on that permit.
3. The parties are in the process of scheduling a meeting for early March, 1998, to discuss the issues that remain in achieving technical compliance.
4. It is the Complainant's belief that it is in the best interest of the parties that settlement negotiations be allowed to continue and that discovery and the hearing be postponed.

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that discovery and the hearing be postponed in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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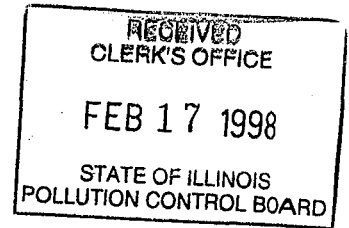
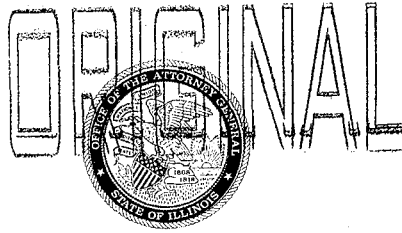
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February 13, 1998

The Honorable Dorothy Gunn
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Re: People v. Midwest Grain Products of Illinois, Inc.
PCB No. 97-179

Dear Clerk Gunn:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five copies of a NOTICE OF FILING and JOINT STATUS REPORT in the above-captioned matter. Please file the originals and return a file-stamped copy of the documents to our office in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Sincerely,

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