ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD May 12, 1971

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS et al.)))					
v.)	##	70-7,	70-12,	70-13,	70-14
NORTH SHORE SANITARY DISTRICT .)					

Opinion of the Board (by Mr. Currie):

Subsequent to cur principal decision in this case on March 31, 1971, we have received an inquiry from the District regarding the interpretation of the portion of our order forbidding new sewer connections until the District complies with the law and regulations. Specifically we are asked whether an existing "service connection that formerly served a house, apartment or place of business that has subsequently been torn down to make way for a new building" may be used by the new building "if the estimated volume of waste does not exceed the former volume from the old building", and whether it may be used if the volume from the new building is greater.

Our decision has raised a number of important questions which we shall endeavor to resolve in variance or enforcement proceedings as they are brought before us. While it would save time to answer inquiries such as the present one without waiting to accumulate a record in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act and our procedural rules, we think the Act does not permit us to render ex parte advisory opinions as to matters that may be of importance to other parties. We shall be happy to consider the question posed either in a variance proceeding or in a motion to clarify the order after the other parties to the case are served and given the opportunity to respond.

I. Regina E. Ryan do hereby certify that the above opinion was approved by the Board on the <u>12</u> day of <u>May</u>, 1971.