

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
August 13, 1992


CLYDE R. DACE, )  
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 Complainant, )  
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 v. ) PCB 91-153  
 ) (Enforcement)  
 D. KOHLHASE and FOX )  
 RIVER GROVE FIRE )  
 PROTECTION DISTRICT, )  
 )  
 Respondents. )

CONCURRING OPINION (by J. Theodore Meyer):

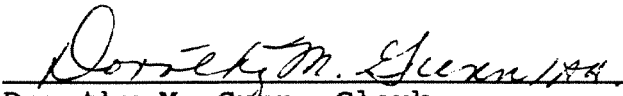
I concur with the majority's action in this matter. I support the majority's reasoning and conclusions, but concur to make an additional point.

Government acts for the common good of the people, and cannot endanger the good of the majority in order to placate a minority. The siren at issue here serves a number of functions which protect the common good--tornado warning, calling volunteers to fires and medical emergencies, warning traffic that emergency vehicles will soon be entering the road. I cannot see how the inconvenience and discomfort apparently suffered by a minority of residents, three times a week during daytime hours, could ever outweigh the purposes served by the siren. We do not live in a "zero risk" society. Accommodations must sometimes be made by a minority to advance the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, I concur in the majority's opinion.

  
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J. Theodore Meyer  
Board Member

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above concurring opinion was filed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1992.

  
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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board

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