ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD February 27, 1992

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Complainant,)
v.) PCB 91-254) (Enforcement)
ACME PRINTING INK COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation,))
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. C. Marlin):

The parties filed on February 19, 1992 a request for relief from the otherwise applicable requirement of Section 31(a)(1) of the Act that proposed stipulated settlements be presented at public hearing. Section 31(a)(2), as enacted in P.A. 87-0134, effective August 13, 1991, provides in pertinent part:

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision of this subsection (a), whenever complaint has been filed on behalf of the Agency or by the People of the State of Illinois, the parties may file with the Board stipulation and proposal for settlement accompanied by a request for relief from the requirement of a hearing pursuant subdivision (1). Unless the Board, in its discretion, concludes that a hearing will be held, the Board shall cause notice of the stipulation, proposal and request for relief to be published and sent in the same manner as required for hearing pursuant subdivision (1) of this subsection. The notice shall include a statement that any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If any person files a timely written demand for hearing, the Board shall deny the request for relief from a hearing and shall hold a hearing accordance with the provisions subdivision (1).

The Board accordingly directs the Clerk to cause publication of the required newspaper notice. The Board will reserve ruling on the parties' request until after the statutory 21 days has passed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.