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Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants Retroactive Provisional Variance to Kimble Glass, Inc.

Springfield – On December 6, 2001, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a 45-day provisional variance from various air emissions standards for particulate matter to Kimble Glass, Inc in Chicago Heights. The provisional variance would allow Kimble Glass, Inc. to legally operate its glass melting furnace during equipment repairs that occurred from November 5 to November 7, 2001.

On December 4, 2001, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency recommended that the Board grant a retroactive provisional variance. This request was docketed as PCB 02-68. The Board granted the provisional variance based on the Agency's notification that compliance with certain air emissions standards would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on Kimble Glass, Inc. The applicable standards are contained in 35 Illinois Administrative Code 212.321 and Kimbles's permit under the Clean Air Act.

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