

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 19, 2017

SANITARY DISTRICT OF DECATUR,)
)
Petitioner,)
)
v.) PCB 14-111
) (Variance – Water)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
Respondent.)

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
PROPOSED SITE SPECIFIC RULE FOR) R 14-24
SANITARY DISTRICT OF DECATUR) (Rulemaking – Water)
FROM 35 ILL. ADM. CODE SECTION)
302.208(E)) (Not Consolidated)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.A. Burke):

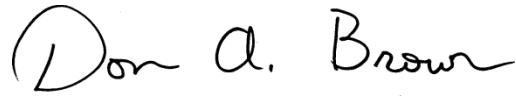
The Sanitary District of Decatur filed two separate actions seeking relief from water quality standards for its sewage treatment plant at 501 Dipper Lane, Decatur, Macon County that discharges to the Sangamon River. The District first sought to extend a 2010 variance from water quality standards for nickel. The District later filed a request for a site-specific rule achieving similar relief. Although these are alternate forms of relief for the same issue, the Board has not consolidated these matters because the statutory requirements for each proceeding differ. Yet, for efficiency purposes, the Board addresses both matters in this order.

After filing both matters in 2014, the District repeatedly requested that the Board delay action in each matter while the District studies the issue and negotiates with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Most recently, the District reports that it completed additional review of scientific literature on nickel and submitted a draft report to IEPA and USEPA. During the past three months, the District also consulted with IEPA and USEPA on additional testing. The District instructed its consultants on December 15, 2016 to begin testing.

The Board will postpone action in these matters and directs the District to file a new status report by June 30, 2017. The District's next status report should include progress on testing, as well as a list of the next steps in these proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on January 19, 2017, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don A. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular initial "D".

Don A. Brown, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board