

Pollution Variance Notice

On February, 21 2014, the Sanitary District of Decatur ("Petitioners") located at 501 Dipper Lane, Decatur, Illinois (Macon County), filed with the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") a petition for an extension of its variance under Title IX of the Environmental Protection Act ("Act"). Variances may be granted pursuant to Section 35 of the Act (415 ILCS 5/35) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.

To assure continued compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, Petitioners request a variance extension from the water quality standards for nickel, as set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(e), and from the effluent limits that could otherwise be imposed through 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.105. The Board granted Petitioners initial variance on January 7, 2010. See Sanitary District of Decatur v. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PCB 09-125, January 7, 2010.

Any person may request a hearing by filing with the Board a written objection to the grant of the variance, together with a written request for a hearing, within twenty-one (21) days after the publication of this Notice.

A copy of the variance petition is available from the Clerk of the Board, Illinois Pollution Control Board, James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is preparing a recommendation regarding this variance petition. The Illinois EPA is to file its recommendation within forty-five (45) days after the filing of the petition. The Illinois EPA seeks the views of persons who may be adversely affected by the variance. Address any comments or inquires to: Sara Terranova, Assistant Counsel, Division of Legal Counsel, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Post Office Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, telephone: 217/782-5544.

A hearing may be held after the filing of the Illinois EPA recommendation. The record of this proceeding remains open for written comment for forty-five (45) days after filing of the Illinois EPA recommendation. Comments must be mailed to the Board at the above address for the Clerk of the Board.

The record in this variance proceeding is available at the Board's office for inspection, except those portions that are protected from disclosure under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 130. Procedures are available whereby disclosure may be sought by the public.