

PCA Gets Variance, But Faces Tough Conditions

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Air pollution watchdogs have granted Pacific Cement and Aggregates another variance to continue its Davenport operation in non-conformity to air pollution standards, but the variance time period is a short one, and the air purity people seem to get tougher all the time.

In a session that dragged on almost four hours Friday, the hearing board of the Monterey-Santa Cruz County Air Pollution Control District gave PCA

a three-month variance, but not before it had tacked on a long list of hard-nosed conditions.

"The time has come when PCA is going to have to start performing," said board member Theodore Cominos. He moved for a three-month moratorium ending April 2, with a review of PCA conformance at that time.

Among the conditions tied to the moratorium is one calling for engineering to "proceed forthwith" on the treatment of dust emissions from PCA's six old kilns, whether the treatment

is to be by precipitators or bag collectors.

Engineering also is to continue on a water spray dust settling system and all engineering is to be completed by March 26.

Also by March 26, PCA is to determine whether Type 2—low alkali—cement can be made directly by PCA's newer kilns, or whether use of the old kilns must continue. If PCA wants to keep using the old kilns, it must tell the air pollution control board precisely what it intends to do about emission control and submit a complete timetable for getting it done.

Another condition is the March 26 submission of engineering reports on means to control emission from the raw and finish mills and shipping department, together with a report on the progress of solicitation of bids to purchase the control equipment.

No trucks are to be cleaned or blown out on the PCA premises until a device is constructed to collect the dust, and construction on that facility is to be completed by Dec. 31, 1971.

Installation of control devices on the newer Lepol kilns is to continue as previously scheduled.

PCA attorney Steven Wyckoff wanted until July 2 to say whether the firm would continue using the old kilns. He said

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HICKEL BACK HOME

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Walter Hickel, returning home for the first time since he was fired as interior secretary, was greeted by a brass band and hundreds of parka-clad well-wishers Saturday at Anchorage International Airport.

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bad weather may delay tests of the Bonny Doon lime deposits until that time.

The board wouldn't go for it. Chairman Ralph Thompson noted Wyckoff's protest and let it go at that.

The board action was tougher in some areas and more lenient in others than the move recommended by Air Pollution Control Officer Ed Munson.

Munson recommended for a longer variance time period — six months — but he also wanted three of the old kilns shut down until the water spray systems were installed.

That provision sent a shiver through the battery of PCA administrators and parent firm Lone Star Cement officials at the hearing.

PCA President W. B. Reinheimer said shutting down the three kilns would be a "catastrophe of the first order." He declared the action would cut down production in half and would shut down the plant.

Wyckoff added it would "effectually put the company out of business."

Robert Hutton of Lone Star Cement listed for the board a number of air pollution control measures taken by his firm in recent years. Of its 16 plants, he said, the firm had shut down as being unfeasible for alteration to meet pollution standards. Another plant has been totally rebuilt.

Hutton said Lone Star has spent \$9 million in the past three years on air pollution control. It has allocated \$5 million for controls at Davenport and will spend \$10 million on controls during 1971 — more than half its anticipated profits.

He said the determination not to rebuild the Davenport facility "was a sound business decision which had to be made."

In 1967, Lone Star had announced a \$30-million modernization and rebuilding program for Davenport which would have incorporated new emission control systems.

Alvin Gregory, a member of the Davenport Improvement Club and the air pollution control board advisory committee, said he knew all along the plant wouldn't be rebuilt.

He said that as a Davenport resident he has gone through similar delaying tactics with three different companies which have controlled the plant.

"We have variances and variances and nothing is getting done," he declared.

He suggested forcing PCA to

post a performance bond to insure it would meet control deadlines, but the board took no action on his recommendation.

Ann Landers

How To Handle Aggressive Girl



Dear Ann Landers: I am a divorcee, 34 — but I look younger. The "problem" I am writing about isn't exactly a problem yet, but it could be. So I am writing to Ann Landers — in the spirit of preventive medicine.

I am planning to marry a man who is a few years my junior. Phil is divorced, but he has no children. We are both in love for the very first time. The potential problem is my daughter. Babs is 14 going on 20 if you get what I mean. She is as fully developed as I was when I married. The girl has entirely too much sex appeal for a kid her age.

Whenever Phil is around she behaves in a flirty manner and is shamefully aggressive. (Probably testing her femininity.) I have said nothing to anyone but it bothers me a great deal. Should I speak to Babs or to Phil or should I keep quiet? Does this bode ill for the future? Babs is really a good girl but her own father ignored her and perhaps this is why she is so eager for male attention. I should tell you that my daughter is hostile and openly competitive with me. Am I over-reacting? What do you think?

—Tinderbox

Dear T.: Psychiatrists call the step-daughter-dad crush the Phaedra complex. (Phaedra was a mythological character in Greek literature who married an old man.) This sometimes occurs with natural fathers and sexy daughters but less often because of our cultural taboos against incest. One of the principle motivating factors, of course, is a daughter's inborn competitiveness with her mother.

Say nothing to Babs. She would interpret your uneasiness as fear and insecurity. Phil should be alerted to the seduc-

no feelings for animals to do themselves (and the animals) a favor and stop putting on an act for friends and neighbors. Some people believe a dog or a cat will make the house seem more "homey." Pets are frequently used as props for family photographs and Christmas cards.

Inform the reading public, Miss Landers, that folks who do not genuinely love animals should take them to the nearest Humane Society. Too many people don't know that the Humane Society is for all pets not just strays. In some states there is a modest charge for leaving these unfortunate creatures. In Michigan it is free.—B.H.M.

Dear B. H.: Hooray for Michigan and thanks for the information.

Sailor, Girl Crew Lost At Sea

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former steeplejack who has been testing the myth that women aboard sailboats are bad luck was overdue Saturday on his latest voyage, a Pacific trip with three female crewmen.

The Coast Guard asked all merchant ships along the West Coast to look for the 48-foot Neophyte Too, which is four weeks late on its voyage from Aburatsubo, Japan, to San Francisco.

Its skipper, Lee Quinn, 43, is a veteran sea adventurer who has logged more than 40,000 miles since 1962 using 85 women of 23 nationalities as crew members.