

NOTES

The State Water Resources Board held a meeting in the conference room at 1205 Greenbrier Street on January 1st and 2nd, 1976 with Mr. John C. Ailes, Chairman, presiding. Also present were Mr. John H. Hall, Chief - Division of Water Resources and members of his staff to discuss changes in the Rules & Regulations as promulgated by the Board and also changes to Chapter 20, Article 5A, Code of West Virginia.

Discussion began with Water Quality Standards - in particular, mixing zones. It was suggested that mixing zone problems should be handled on a case-by-case basis such as the Virginia Electric Power Company's that was resolved on November 20, 1975 by a variance to the Administrative Regulation that pertained to that area of State Waters.

Slides were shown on the Weirton Steel Co.'s plant and a Wheeling-Pittsburgh plant - visible pollution - this was discussed off the record.

Mr. Ailes explained how the Rules & Regulations were promulgated on a question from one of Mr. Hall's staff members. He also stated that the Board would be willing to consider any changes and for Mr. Hall and his Staff to submit same to the Board.

Issuance of permits, denial of permits and Orders were discussed and Mr. Hall stated in order for him to issue an order or deny a permit he has to show what is being done wrongly causing a problem in the waters of the State.

An example of Mobay was shown - a red discharge - he (company) is in violation of conditions of the permit but it cannot be measured downstream - dissipates - but the violation is visible at the point of discharge - discussion held on this.

Also brought up were iron, mercury and sulfates and the establishing of effluent limits for same.

Mentioned were mine seals - there are no rules or regulations governing same,

i. e., what is an approved seal, can a regulation be written on the mechanical structure of a seal, regulations on water coming from the seal, and type of seal. Just what would be acceptable?

Phenols were discussed in a particular Ohio River case. An exception to this could be present to the Board requesting "an exception" to the regulation or standard - the Chief is authorized to set effluent standards in each separate permit under this set-up.

John Northeimer brought up land fills, disposal and/or deep wells - the Division has no regulations on these yet have the authority to issue a permit - under "other wastes". He also mentioned that the Oil & Gas Division of the Department of Mines' involvement. Suggested was that perhaps the Department of Mines should write the regs on this.

The meeting was adjourned and Mr. Hall and his Staff was to work up proposed Rules, Regulations, etc. for the Board's consideration and these would be heard at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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