UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V
1 NORTH WACKER DRIVE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605

June 13, 1972

Mr. Paul Sauget, President
Board of Trustees
Village of Sauget, Illinois 62206

Dear Mr. Sauget:

In reviewing the status of compliance by the Village of Sauget, Illinois, with the Federally approved new Illinois interstate water quality standards for the Mississippi River, it is evident that an overrun on the approved date of December 31, 1973, for providing secondary treatment for wastes discharged into the Mississippi River may occur. This office is, therefore, making a detailed review of all facts surrounding the situation with a view to considering appropriate enforcement action under applicable Federal statutes. Specifically, this office is interested as to methods to be employed that will adequately control the Village's discharge of heavy metals, chemical and biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids, phenols, pH, chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides, and [illegible]

This office recognizes that the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a variance which in effect calls for a later date of completion than what was Federally approved in the new Illinois standards. Because of the lack of Federal approval, the only date that remains Federally enforceable is December 31, 1973, for completion of secondary waste treatment facilities.

The Mississippi River is one of the most important natural resources of the region, and strong positive action must be taken at all levels to meet the criteria established in the standards in order to realize the full potential of beneficial uses offered by this great resource.

We would appreciate your sending detailed comments as to how you propose to meet the established compliance deadline and what specific plan you now have to provide the required waste treatment for the parameters identified above. Please send your comments in time to reach this office no later than July 3, 1972, with a copy to the Illinois EPA, which is being furnished a copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Glenn Pratt

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