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DUPAGE COUNTY REGIONALIZATION PLAN HEARINGS AUTHORIZED

At its Danville meeting on June 9, the Board authorized hearings on a proposal which would require the development of a regional wastewater treatment system in DuPage County. The proposal, if adopted, would be a county-wide system of nine sewage treatment plants in accordance with the Regional Wastewater Plan approved by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. Presently, over 90 sewage treatment plants are operating in the county. The county and local governmental units involved would have until January 1, 1972, to submit a plan for accomplishing the regionalization scheme and final compliance would be required by January 1, 1975.

In his explanation of the proposal, Chairman Currie stated that the proliferation of small sewage plants in densely populated and rapidly developing DuPage County makes impossible the correction of existing pollution and constitutes a threat of further pollution in the future. Furthermore, small plants have higher per capita construction and operating costs. County taxpayers, therefore, have to pay a higher price for scattered small treatment plants than they would for larger and more efficient treatment facilities.

Hearings are scheduled for July, August, and September. The hearings will provide an opportunity for the people of DuPage County and Illinois to provide factual information and to express their views on the concept of regionalization. A copy of the proposal is appended to this Newsletter.

ASBESTOS HEARINGS SCHEDULED

Finding that the uncontrolled spraying of asbestos fiber and other fiber-containing material unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life and property and presents a severe threat to the public health