

Air Board delays action on Goodrich expansion

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The Louisville and Jefferson County Pollution Control Board delayed action today on a request to expand the H. F. Goodrich plant and on the open-burn permit application.

The board also postponed a decision on open burning until it studies setting up public burning sites.

Secretary-Treasurer Robert Orritt told the board he had received Goodrich's application for expansion, but that there aren't any Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations on vinyl chloride concentrations level.

The former employees of the Louisville Goodrich plant have died from cancer, a rare liver cancer thought to be caused by exposure to vinyl chloride.

Board Chairman James Sharp Jr. said he was "reluctant" to approve the permit until the EPA standards are fully outlined.

Orritt suggested that the board could approve the permit with a clause providing for an immediate review when the EPA passes its standards.

Sharp, however, said Goodrich might waste money starting construction on the expansion if then the EPA regulations wouldn't allow it.

In postponing a decision on the open-burning permit, the board voted to continue meeting with County Judge Fred Soper.

Orritt said the county is willing to provide burning sites.

He said the county is willing to provide land for sites where the public can drop off trash for burning. He said the only question now is who is going to provide the equipment for the burning in a pit under constant air pressure to limit smoke.

Building contractors have asked for the

report of the ban, but one proposal by the board was that contractors also handle burning for the public.

Sharp said the burning sites would release the contractors of any obligation to aid the public and give the public a place for the burning.

Board member E. M. Ronald questioned whether the sites would be of that much help to the public. He said the sites still are to find a way to haul the trash to the sites.

In other action, the board re-elected Sharp as chairman and Thomas F. Soper as vice-chairman.

Orritt also reported to the board that the landfill on Loss Lane has been cited for 10 violations because of a considerable fire and will continue to be cited until the fire is put out.

Orritt said five of the 10 violations have been referred to the health department for the fire.

That started a week ago Monday. The first case is due in court July 28, according to Orritt.

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