

POLLUTION - CARGILL

Cargill may start idle incinerator

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CARPENTERSVILLE - Cargill Inc. officials have asked the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Air Pollution Control Division for permission to alter the company's hazardous waste incinerator.

That means company officials plan to use the incinerator again, said Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Community Response Analyst Stan Black.

However, the company has not applied for an operating

permit.

A number of issues exist in Cargill's appeal to begin operating the incinerator. Black said one of the main issues is whether the incinerator will contribute to odor problems.

IEPA officials asked that the liquid waste incinerator be shut down in the spring of 1986 after residents identified odors in the area as coming from the incinerator.

"The complaints of odor have continued. Cargill has said it (the incinerator) is not a source of trouble," Black

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said.

The IEPA granted permission for the alterations to the facility with a number of standard and special conditions. Cargill officials have appealed some of those special conditions, Black said.

Black said the appeal had been general and he did not know which conditions were protested.

"The arguments Cargill will give haven't been spelled out," he said.

Officials from Cargill could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

A fact-finding public hearing will be held in August by the pollution control board, to allow Cargill to discuss its appeal.

"It will be a chance for the people to hear the appeal, the agency's response and make comments," Black said.

The incinerator was used to burn a variety of liquid chemicals when it was operating, according to Black.

Since it was closed, the hazardous waste has been removed from the chemical plant by a registered licensed hazardous waste operator, and disposed of elsewhere.

That method of disposal is much more expensive to the company than burning it on-site, Black said.

The meeting will be held Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. at the Carpentersville Village Hall.

Illinois Attorney General Neil Hartigan has also requested that an additional hearing be held in the evening, according to Black.

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