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Cargill loses one in court

Smokestack height is issue

By Tracey Berry
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CARPENTERSVILLE — Cargill officials may have jumped the gun.

Second District Appellate Court Judge Alfred E. Woodward overturned a ruling that allowed a 100-foot exhaust stack for the firm's liquid waste incinerator. However, the stack has operated since June.

"We're discussing the possibility of appealing," said Cargill General manager Pat Heffernan. "We have until Dec. 20 to make a decision."

Last year, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency told Cargill officials that a 25-foot stack had to be made taller before the Cottage Avenue paint resin manufacturer would be given a permit to burn hazardous liquid waste. Village ordinances prohibit structures from exceeding 35 feet and local officials denied Cargill a variance to build the stack.

Anticipating the village's refusal, Cargill appealed the IEPA's requirement to the state Pollution Control Board. The pollution board ruled that the IEPA's decision pre-empted the local ordinance.

Woodward reversed that decision and returned the case to the Pollution Control Board to determine whether the taller stack is needed.

The IEPA established the stack height at 2 1/2 times higher than the nearest obstruction to allow emissions from the chimney to dis-

perse. The nearest obstruction is a bluff.

The height of the stack was not the issue, Heffernan said. The issue was whether the local ordinance was superceded.

"The people of Carpentersville are interested in Cargill taking whatever steps to abate any pollution. It's ridiculous for the Village of Carpentersville not to want the cleanest air they can get."

Constructing the smokestack was the first measure to improve air quality, Heffernan said. If the stack is not permitted, the firm will look for other ways to operate the incinerator, he added.

The incinerator was shut down in 1986 after area residents complained of odors being emitted from the plant. Cargill began hauling the hazardous waste, a byproduct from resin and paint manufacturing, to an off-site dump. Hauling the material was costing the company \$60,000 to \$70,000 a month.

The IEPA issued Cargill temporary permits to use the shorter stack for emissions testing. The incinerator has been back in operation for more than a year.

The company began using the new stack in June. It was built without a village permit.

"Cargill knew there was a question of the stack's legality," said IEPA spokesman Stan Black.

"I don't think anybody ever proved to the village that the stack was going to get rid of the odor," said Carpentersville Village Presi-

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Community Health Clinic on Waukegan Road in McHenry. Open to people with low incomes. Call 385-9355 for an appointment.

Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club of Crystal Lake hosts a "Get Acquainted Coffee," at 7:30 p.m. Information call: Sue McArdle, 455-5390.

Women's Ministries Smorgasbord, Crystal Lake, will meet at 6:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall at the Evangelical Free Church. The speaker will be Ruth Dinwiddie, WMBI Radio personality. Tickets are available, 459-1095.

Friday, Dec. 9

Goodwill Pickup, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Goodwill Industries truck will be at Crystal Lake Main Beach parking lot to receive donations of household goods, clothing and small appliances.

Make A Child Smile Committee's shopping night for toys and clothes for children at 8 p.m. Group will meet at a store to be determined later. For further information, call Steve Konen at (312) 658-0908.

Young Single Parents Club, 8 p.m., American Legion, Oak and Woodstock Streets, Crystal Lake. Info: Bob (312) 658-8905 or Jackie (815) 385-6484.

McHenry County Bicycle Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., in room 241 at MCC. Anyone interested in bicycling is invited to attend.

Gamblers Anonymous and GamAnon, a 12-step self-help recovery group for gambling related problems and a self-help group for families of gamblers, 8:15 p.m., at Unity Church in Crystal Lake, 3 Chalet Drive, next to the Golden Nugget Restaurant near Routes 31 and 14. A 24-hour, seven-day answering service is available: (312) 346-1588.

AlAnon at St. Barnabas Church, 8901 S. Cary Road, Cary. 9:30 a.m. Baby sitter available.

Senior Citizens Exercise class, conducted by Easter Seal Society, 10 to 10:45 a.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Rd., Woodstock. Information: 338-1707.

McHenry County Bicycle Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., in room 241 at MCC. Anyone interested in bicycling is invited to attend.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m. First United Methodist Church, Wesley Hall, Dole & Crystal Lake Aves., Crystal Lake. Babysitting available.

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dent Herb Radtke. "Technically, Cargill did what they wanted."

Carpentersville Village Board members discussed the issue in closed session Tuesday. They are pursuing "several courses of ac-

tion," said administrative assistant Jay Krauss. Krauss refused to explain those courses due to ongoing litigation.

According to Radtke, the village may issue an order for Cargill to comply with the local ordinances.

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the people were happy with our performance," Lashbrook said.

"The park district has patrolled the park district in the past because no one else wanted to"

sentatives sit on the committee.

While Wehde believes the meeting may slow the creation of an agreement, other officials say it may provide an opportunity

