



STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

BOARD ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

STATLER INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED  
Augusta, Maine, Kennebec County  
PAPER MILL SLUDGE DISPOSAL SITE  
#00-4892-11020

} 300-Foot Disposal Law

} VARIANCE REQUEST

On August 8, 1979, the Board, after review of the application, supporting documents, and the transcript of the public hearing held on May 3, 1979, granted a variance to Statler Industries, Inc. to operate a solid waste disposal area within 300 feet of classified water.

At that time the following facts were determined:

1. Statler Industries, Inc. requested approval to dispose of paper mill sludge within 300 feet of a classified body of water, under the provision of Title 38, M.R.S.A. Sec. 421.
2. The sludge disposal site will be underlain by practically impermeable glacio-marine silt clay sediment.
3. Leachate generated from the sludge will be collected and transported by pipeline to the Augusta Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant, where it will be treated prior to discharge to the Kennebec River.
4. The sludge landfill will be within 300 feet of tributaries to Riggs Brook. Riggs Brook is a tributary to the Kennebec River. Riggs Brook and its tributaries are classified bodies of water, pursuant to Title 38, M.R.S.A. §368, Kennebec River Basis-Minor tributaries below Wyman Dam in Moscow, (1).
5. The Board approved with conditions the application of Statler Industries Inc. pursuant to Title 38, M.R.S.A. §483 and 1301 et. seq. in its Order of June 27, 1979.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Board concluded that disposal of paper mill sludge within 300 feet of the above tributary to Riggs Brook would not result in an unlicensed direct or indirect discharge of pollutants into classified water.

The Board granted a variance to Statler Industries, Inc. to operate a solid waste facility closer than 300 feet to the above mentioned tributary to Riggs Brook with the following provisions:

1. Statler Industries, Inc. shall comply with the terms of the Board's Order of June 27, 1979.
2. The Standard Conditions of Approval.
3. The term of the variance is for 2 years, and may be renewed for successive two year terms after re-examination.

During recent inspections of the Statler Industries Inc. sludge disposal area and review of the monitoring results, the following conditions were observed by the staff, and are found as fact by the Board:

1. Drainage ditches and surfaces have been seeded and are grass covered. Places where grass have not taken will be reseeded this fall.
2. The leachate collection system is carrying sludge leachate to the Augusta Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant.
3. Monitoring results of samples taken from the monitoring wells and nearby stream show no evidence of surface water impact from site.
4. Condition d of the August 1, 1979 Staff Order which calls for security casings with lockable caps to be installed over all ground water quality monitoring wells.

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board concludes there will not be an unlicensed discharge of pollutants into a tributary of Riggs Brook. Therefore, the Board grants a renewal of the variance to the Statler Industries, Inc. to operate a paper mill sludge disposal area within 300 feet of the above mentioned tributary to Riggs Brook subject to compliance with the following conditions:

1. The term of this variance is two years, subject to review of surface and ground water monitoring results.
2. All revegetation and regrading will be completed by September 15, 1981.
3. Statler Industries, Inc. must comply with all conditions of the June 27, 1979 Board Order.
4. Security casings with lockable caps shall be installed over all ground water quality monitoring wells no later than November 15, 1981.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1981.

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: 

HENRY E. WARREN, Chairman

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR APPEAL PROCEDURES....