



Attorney General
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TO: Michael A. Shapiro, Chief Legal Counsel, HWFB

FROM: John K. McManus, Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: In the Matter of Southdown, Inc., Case No. 91-NF-0700
Requests for Clarification and Comments
Service of My Memo Dated March 9, 1994

DATE: March 15, 1994

As I indicated in your phone call to me yesterday, I did not serve my memo of March 9, 1994, on the other parties to this **action**. Neither the Board's rules nor the Code of Professional responsibility require service in this situation. However, as I indicated, I have no objection to providing a copy of the memo to the other parties. Therefore, in accordance with your request, I am sending a copy of that memo to the other parties to this action

cc Jack Van Kley, Chief, Environmental Enforcement
Bryan Zima, Assistant Attorney General
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All Parties to In the Matter of Southdown, Inc., Case No. 91-NF-0700



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TO: Michael A. Shapiro, Chief Legal Counsel, HWFB
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FROM: John K. McManus, Assistant Attorney General
Paul Jesse, Assistant Attorney General

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The staff of Ohio EPA is gathering the information that you requested. Despite its current heavy work load, the Division of Hazardous Waste Management will complete this process by March 17, 1994.

However, while the staff of Ohio EPA is anxious to respond to your request and to assist the Board in its decision on this permit, we have concerns about the request. The Board's rules do not appear to provide for the type of request that you have made. OAC 3734-1-50 discusses the record of proceedings. Paragraph (B) of that section states that "[t]he record shall be the exclusive basis for decision by the board." However, that same paragraph goes on to limit the methods by which the record can be expanded after the hearing examiner issues his report:

After the filing of the report of the hearing examiner, the board, upon its own motion or the motion of a party, may permit the parties to introduce further documentary evidence, or, after granting an opportunity to any opposing party for preparation, may take additional testimony or remand the matter to the hearing examiner for the taking of additional testimony. In deciding whether to permit the taking of additional testimony, the board shall consider potential harm to the public welfare or the environment from a delay in the proceeding.

Your memo requesting clarification and comments does not appear to be among the methods delineated for expanding the record. First, the request seems to come from the staff and not from the Board. Second, the information does not seem to be requested in the form of documentary evidence or testimonial evidence subject to open cross-examination by all parties. As the stated purpose of this information is to assist the staff in its presentation to the Board, the information