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In re:	:	\U
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Permit No. RCRA-004-304-689	:	
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Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

The above-entitled matter came on

for TELECONFERENCE at approximately 11:00

a.m. at 1341 G Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

BEFORE:

CHARLES SHEEHAN Presiding Judge

NIVEA BERRIOS Senior Counsel to the Board

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1	APPEARANCES:	1	This conversation of course is
2	On behalf of PPG Industries Ohio, Inc.:	2	being transcribed, so it aids in
3	ROBERT J. SCHMIDT, ESQUIRE Porter Wright Morris & Arthur	3	transcription as well.
4	41 South High Street	4	Is that okay?
	Columbus, Ohio 43215	5	MR. SCHMIDT: Yes, Your Honor.
5	(614) 227-2028	6	This is Rob Schmidt.
6	On behalf of Environmental Protection Agency: THOMAS J. KRUEGER, ESQUIRE	7	MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Your Honor.
	Associate Regional Counsel	8	Tom Krueger.
8	U.S. EPA Region 5	9	JUDGE SHEEHAN: This is an old case.
9	77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois 60604	10	It's about 15 months old at this point, filed in
Ĺ	(312) 886-0562	11	May of '07. And we now have before us a seventh
10		12	motion for extension of time. We're concerned
11	ALSO PRESENT:	13	about the extremely high number of extensions
11	Eurika Durr	14	granted at this point, and thought the case
12	Mark Mahoney	14	would have been concluded by now, given some of
13	* * * * *	15	the representations lately.
14		17	In June, it was represented that
16		18	you thought that you'd have complete and
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18 19		19	final resolution by July, but that didn't
$\frac{19}{20}$		20	happen; is that right?
21		21	Mr. Krueger, you want to go first
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1	going through the appropriate public		thermal oxidation unit and replace it with
2	participation measures, and assuming that	2	some other language related to the operation.
3	public participation doesn't require any	3	If during the public comment
4	changes, then moving forward to modify the	4	process, the modification to the permit to
5	permit as the parties have agreed.	5	implement these changes, U.S. EPA is forced
6	JUDGE SHEEHAN: Why couldn't the	6	to, because of public comment or considers
7	permit be withdrawn and then when the new permit	7	it considered the public comment worthy of
8	is issued the old permit be withdrawn? So	8	making this change, to go back to the
9	that the petition could be withdrawn, and the	9	original permit language there wouldn't
10	issue would be moot before us.	10	need to be a modification of the underlying
11	MR. SCHMIDT: Your Honor, this is Rob	11	permit in that case, and there wouldn't be an
12	Schmidt speaking. I think from PPG's	12	opportunity for PPG to challenge that
13	perspective, the problem becomes one we need	13	decision.
14	to have a permit in place. So we can't and	14	JUDGE SHEEHAN: You see our concern
15	we can't dismiss we can't withdraw the	15	is, we have had representations at least since
16	current permit without having another one in	16	mid-June that this would be done by July, and
17	place effectively.	17	July, you come back and give us three new
18	The modification procedures that	18	issues, essentially, in addition to the MACT
19	we're talking about do have a public	19	issue you mentioned in June.
20	participation element to it, which requires	20	The final approval, whatever that
21	the region to take some steps, or potentially	21	means, the appropriate vehicle on the
22	PPG, depending on what mechanism that we	22	implementation of mods, and then you'd like
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3	Mr. Krueger?	3	negotiated all terms.
4	MR. KRUEGER: Your Honor, we have	4	You have and people above you, but
5	concurrence in the language of the revised	5	not the director. So that I'm confused,
6	permit sections up to the level immediately	6	because you said you represented the party's
7	below the division director who issues the	7	stand, and the party in your case is EPA, but
8	permit.	8	EPA hasn't concurred, according to what you
9	JUDGE SHEEHAN: Isn't the division	9	just said.
10	director the person that needs to concur?	10	MR. KRUEGER: To make sure that I'm
11	MR. KRUEGER: The division director	11	clear, the division director has indicated she
12	has indicated that she would like to wait until	12	did not want to formally concur until after
13 14	the package actually comes to her after public	13	public comment proceeded; however, we have all indications that she is onboard with the
15	comment, before her final concurrence, but we	14 15	
16	have indicated to her that we strongly recommend those changes, and we anticipate there will be	15 16	modifications which have been recommended to her.
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18	JUDGE SHEEHAN: But I guess what I am	18	expressed no objections. She simply
19	getting at is the permit mods that have been	19	indicated that her decision or her
20	made irrespective of what the public comment	20	concurrence would not and could not be final
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2	I think certainly, PPG's perspective on this is	2	point, feeling it wasn't necessary.
3	that the party that we were attempting to	3	But again, if that is important for
4	negotiate with was the division and Tom and	4	the Board for us to clearly establish that,
5	the permit writer because we have always	5	we are happy to do that. And again, I
6	understood that U.S. EPA's final decision on any	6	certainly don't believe that we
7	agreed-to terms and conditions that we have	7	mis-represented the region's sense that the
8	reached would have to be contingent upon moving	8	parties have reached agreement here subject
9	the permit to the permit modification process,	9	to public comment.
10	which we have always understood to include the	10	JUDGE SHEEHAN: I'm looking for more
II	ability of U.S. EPA to make changes based upon	11	than a sense, especially when you're asking for
12	the requirements for public participation.	12	much more time now and you indicated that you
13	Certainly from our perspective,	13	knew you were effectively done. Do you
14	from PPG's perspective, an agreement has been	14	understand the Board's concern?
15	reached with the necessary party, if you	15	MR. KRUEGER: I certainly do
16	will, the permit writer and legal counsel at	16	JUDGE SHEEHAN: You make signals here,
17	U.S. EPA, but we have always understood that	17	it's done, but then it's suddenly not done.
18	the final decision by well, originally I	18	It's open again anew.
19	was thinking the regional administrator, but	19	MR. KRUEGER: Your Honor, this is
20	certainly the division head was going to	20	Mr. Krueger again I don't believe that the
21	be something that was subject to the	21	parties were mis-representing to the Board the
22	modification process and public comment.	22	status of their progress in this, essentially
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1	And so certainly from our	1	our agreement that our belief that we have
2	perspective, we've reached an agreement with	2	resolved this matter.
3	U.S. EPA. We understand that that agreement	3	I think the one thing we may have
4	has a contingency in it and are prepared to	4	failed to emphasize to the Board in some of
5	move forward with the modification process,	5	our previous pleadings was that this
6	however that ultimately is decided to be	6	agreement would then still require the
7	done.	7	parties to obtain a modification of the
8	JUDGE SHEEHAN: It just sounds like	8	permit.
9	EPA, and if EPA is the decision-maker here, has	9	JUDGE SHEEHAN: Let me ask
10	not agreed with you. Mr. Knueger, the permit	10	Mr. Krueger, when do you anticipate you would go
11	writer, has, but not the division director;	11	out with a new revised permit for public
12	right?	12	comment?
13	MR. KRUEGER: Well, again, Your Honor,	13	MR. KRUEGER: Our belief is that all
14	I while we didn't ask her to make this	14	we would need to go forward with would be a
15	statement, based on our discussions with the	15	modification of the permit rather than a
16	division director, I think she regards it as	16	completely new reissued permit.
17	being a final agreement subject to public	17	JUDGE SHEEHAN: When would that date
18	comment.	18	be?
19	Again, she I think she felt that	19	MR. KRUEGER: We have one matter that
20	it was unnecessary for her to formally say	20	we still need to resolve, Your Honor, and at
21	yes, this is final, and maybe that's a fairly	21	this point, we need to have further consultation
22	fine distinction, but I think that she felt	22	with EPA headquarters on whether the permit can

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1	be modified using the procedures set forth in	1	headquarters' approval on the vehicle for
2	40 CFR Section 124.19(d). That's a relatively	2	streamlining, or something clse?
3	new regulatory provision that the agency really	3	MR, SCHMIDT: Your Honor, this Rob
4	has not used much, if at all, that seems to	4	Schmidt. That was actually something else. We
5	provide for a streamlined approach to permit	5	reached final agreement the afternoon of
6	modification when that modification is resolving	6	July 16th. And we hadn't at that point
7	a matter upon appeal with the agency. Because	7	exchanged the language for all six of the
8	it is fairly precedential, we do need to have	8	modifications. And basically my client said we
9	further consultations with headquarters.	9	have agreement but we've got to see it before we
10	Headquarters indicated that they	10	can approve it.
11	weren't ready to complete that consultation	11	And that was because we were
12	until the region advised them the matter	12	under the previous orders of the Board to
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1	really has been settled. We have now done	13	file a response by July 16th, we had to
14	that. We're hoping that that will be done	14	include that language because from my
15	expeditiously.	15	client's perspective, while we had reached
16	If this provisions of 124.19 (d)	16	that agreement in principle, we hadn't
17	are deemed not to be applicable there in	17	exchanged the language and we had to see the
18	whole or in part, we would then proceed with	18	language.
19	their standard modification provisions under	19	MR. KRUEGER: Your Honor, that that
20	CFR Section 270.41. Both parties are	20	final verification of language also had to
21	familiar with those.	21	proceed within EPA Region 5, and that did happen
22	As Mr. Schmidt indicated, we have	22	very shortly after we filed the status report.
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1	developed a document that shows the specific	1	JUDGE SHEEHAN: Although it didn't
2	language changes. Once we know which vehicle	2	occur at the division director level?
3	is the appropriate vehicle to use, my belief	2	
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2	morning first thing.	2	headquarters on that question within about a
3	JUDGE SHEEHAN: So why does it require	3	week or so.
4	all the way through August into September to get	4 JUDGE SHEEHAN: So you think w	
5	this out if you've already begun those	5 then sounds like you're guessing two wee	
6	conversations with headquarters earlier this	6	so; is that right? To get it out?
7	year, at the beginning of this year?	7	MR. KRUEGER: That is my current
8	MR. SCHMIDT: Your Honor, Rob Schmidt.	8	expectation. This is Mr. Krueger again. And
9	Depending on how we go forward with the	9	again, that is subject to making sure that we
10	modification and we'll have to figure out	10	have everything cleared with PPG as well. My
11	whether this is a Class II or Class III product	11	impression from our discussions with the PPG is
12	modification to get these changes implemented,	12	they'll work to fast-track this as well.
13	there is a at least, I believe a 60-day	13	MR. SCHMIDT: This is Rob Schmidt.
14	public comment period on the proposed	14	Absoluteły.
15	modification.	15	JUDGE SHEEHAN: So given the fact that
16	JUDGE SHEEHAN: That's not why I	16	that point, we'll be probably be in the 15th or
17	asked. I asked why did it take so long to get	17	maybe 16th 16th month, and the Board is
18	the proposed modified permit out for public	18	anxious just to get this thing resolved either
19	comment?	19	by briefing it in your argument and having a
20	MR. KRUEGER: Your Honor, this is	20	decision, or by having the parties take it
21	Mr. Krueger. I believe that I had represented	21	away would you have any objection to the
22	earlier that we thought we could get it out very	22	Board ordering that the region file its response
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1	quickly.	1	to the petition in three weeks if the permit mod
2	JUDGE SHEEHAN: But you said that was	2	is not out for public comment before that time?
3	September, which doesn't sound really quickly at	3	MR. KRUEGER: Your Honor, this is
4	all, given the fact that you say began the	4	Mr. Krueger. This may be a good opportunity to
5	conversations with headquarters in January, or	5	I think clarify some apparent confusion. The
6	early in the calendar year, as you represented.	6	EPA Region 5 has filed its response to the
7	MR. KRUEGER: Your Honor, I must have	7	petition for review. We filed that within the
8	misspoken then. I thought that I said and I	8	deadline that the Board originally established.
9	certainly meant to say we would have the permit	9	So the matter is effectively fully
10	modification completed by September.	10	briefed. And it was after EPA filed its
	JUDGE SHEEHAN: You mean completed	11	response that the parties initiated their
12	through public comment?	12	request for a stay, because we believe that the matter was capable of resolution by
113		13	the matter was capable of resolution by
114	MR. KRUEGER: Exactly.	\$	-
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1	proceeding at this point with oral argument or	1	So it the concern here is that
2	any sort of hearings on this matter would not	2	we thought that this is moving to closure.
3	really be necessary because all of the	3	This is an old, old case as it is, and now we
4	substantive issues have been resolved. I mean,	4	are being told there is a lot more process
5	we are at a point now where we are effectively	5	and procedure to come, which could gobble up
6	dealing only with procedural matters to	6	many more months.
7	implement the agreement between the parties.	7	But I think that you got your word,
8	JUDGE SHEEHAN: Right, but you	8	Mr. Krueger, that even though I know it's
9	understand our concern. The procedural matters	9	not you can't be absolutely clear, but you
10	are seeming to eat up more months than the	10	expect well, both of you expect, within
H.	substantive at this point. And again, I'm going	11	two weeks, you'll get out the modified permit
12	back to your representation in June that you'd	12	for public comment. You're both comfortable
13	have complete and final resolution by July, and	13	with that statement?
14	then in July saying you had all terms necessary	14	MR. SCHMIDT: Your Honor, this is
15	settled.	15	Mr. Schmidt
16	But then you had three other issues	16	JUDGE SHEEHAN: Fact
17	you put out, and you wanted until September	17	representations
18	before you get back to us with another	18	MR. SCHMIDT: As far as Mr. Krueger's
19	proposal for how much more time it might	19	representations go, I certainly think that we
20	take. It doesn't sound like it's just	20	could marshal resources on our end to be able to
21	winding down. Can you understand that	21	do that, depending upon what the ultimate
22	perspective, given the way you have	22	decision is as to the process.
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2	this was a new provision, recent one?	2	disagreement on her part with approval, at
3	Mr. Krueger?	3	least as of the mods between the parties
4	MR. KRUEGER: Yes, I don't have it	4	whatever putting aside whatever the public
5	here in front of me, and I apologize for that.	5	comment might be.
6	My belief is that that provision was added at	6	And also, Mr. Krueger, urge you to
7	roughly the time that the Agency revised its	7	get with OGC or whomever you're speaking to
8	procedural rules. That still seems new to me,	8	at headquarters to wrap up the vehicle
9	although I realize that's probably been in place	9	issue streamlining issue so that this
10	now for about four or five years.	10	begin can get out quickly.
11	But it was done in conjunction with	11	MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Judge. I certainly
12	that. And as I indicated, from all the	12	intend to do that. And you know, I understand
13	research that I've donc and all the people	13	and share the Board's concern that this has
14	I've talked to, it's not anything that the	14	dragged on for some time now. You know, I will
15	Agency has really had to invoke very much at	15	note that the Board was very gracious in
16	this point.	16	granting the last extension. On seeing there
17	MR. SCHMIDT: Your Honor, Rob Schmidt.	17	will be no further extensions unless the parties
18	If I may offer an observation. I have a second	18	have successfully negotiated all terms to settle
19	RCRA permit appeal in front of the Board pending	19	this matter, I genuinely do believe we have
20	right now on behalf of the Dow Chemical Company.	20	reached that point. If we hadn't, we wouldn't
21	And in that that case has also resolved	21	have made the further request for extension of
22	itself on a substantive basis, but the question	22	stay.
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