

Columbian Chemicals Company operates a carbon black manufacturing facility in El Dorado, Arkansas. In the course of the manufacturing process, the plant discharges certain sulfur compounds to the air. Low levels of these compounds are discharged and they do not constitute an imminent pollution hazard. These compounds do have a strong odor, and under certain weather conditions, are offensive to residents near the facility. For this reason it is desirable to control the discharge of these compounds.

It is technically feasible to control the discharge through the use of tail gas burning equipment. At the present time, however, it is not economically feasible to install the equipment. The carbon black manufactured is used in the manufacture of automobile tires. Due to a lack of demand for automobiles, the plant is operating at far less than capacity, which in itself has reduced the odor problems. The company has projected an increased market and plans to order and install the pollution control equipment in 1983-1984.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pursuant to Ark. Stat. Ann §82-1935, Columbian Chemicals Company is placed on the following schedule of compliance for the installation and operation of pollution control equipment.

January - June, 1983 - Place orders for tail gas burning equipment.

July - December, 1983 - Install equipment.

January - June, 1984 - Begin operation of equipment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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