

## Province of Manitoba, Department of Health CLEAN ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION





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The Secretary-Treasurer, River East School Division No. 9, 589 Roch Street, East Kildonan 15, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

Re: Licence - The Clean Environment Act Incinerators at Polson, Hampstead, Neil Campbell & Salisbury-Morse Place Schools

You may recall that a public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 18, 1969, with respect to applications for licences for various installations including those for incinerators at the abovementioned schools.

The Commission, after due deliberation, approved the issuance of licences for the discharge of emissions to the air providing these installations did not fall under the excepting clause (b) of Section 2(2) of The Clean Environment Act. This particular subsection states in essence that the normal requirement for a licence does not apply to the discharge or emission into the air of a contaminant from an incinerator operated under authority, licence or permit of a municipality or local government district.

Our secretary has talked with Mr. R. J. McRae, City Engineer, on this latter subject and it would appear that the City of East Kildonan does have a by-law under which the four school incinerators have been approved for installation and operation.

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This letter may therefore be considered as confirmation of the fact that Section 2(1) of The Clean Environment Act (requiring a licence for the discharge of contaminants into the air) does not apply in respect of the four incinerators installed at Polson, Hampstead, Neil Campbell and Salisbury-Morse Place Schools since an exception is provided by Article (b) of Section 2(2) of the same Act.

It is emphasized that this exception applies only to the matter of licencing. The Commission has general supervision and control (Section 21) over all matters relating to the preservation of the natural environment and should the operation of the school incinerators cause or result in material contamination of the air the Commission may take action to deal with the situation.

Yours very truly,

Chairman,

The Clean Environment Commission.

Date of decision - 12th March, 1970.

Ce: Reg Sewers ang 28/13