

# Deadline looms in sewage fracas

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The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, object of a 1 1/2-year-long legal battle, has until Feb. 1 to propose a set of specific plans — complete with goals and deadlines — to put the beleaguered sewage treatment facility on the track to meeting strict federal pollution standards.

U.S. District Judge John Feikens said last week, "We've got to know what the City of Detroit can do. I want to know if it can meet the terms of the consent judgment."

Two weeks ago, Feikens asked the city to present a plan of what it would do to upgrade the massive, \$600 million Jefferson Avenue plant, which serves the city and 76 suburban customers.

City attorneys Friday presented a sketchy, 16-page report. It was far less specific than expected, according to officials and attorneys of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Michigan Department of Natural

Resources and suburban communities. Even Judge Feikens was upset over the city's proposal, calling it a "lawyer's response."

"I'm disappointed in this response," he told Detroit attorney Darryl Alexander. "I asked that specific proposals be made."

"This," he said, referring to Detroit's response, "gives us nothing by which to gauge the city's performance."

"What we need, more than anything else, is specifics. What we need is answers. What we need is dates and things to be done," Feikens said.

SINCE RELEASE of a critical report compiled by a court-appointed monitor, there had been concern Feikens might remove the treatment plant from the City of Detroit's control.

Feikens could turn the plant over to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or an independent management firm.

Feikens, however, said he is reluctant to do that. "The last thing I want

to do is appoint another person or agency to do the job" of seeing that Detroit meets water pollution standards it agreed to in the consent judgment.

"But the job will be done," he said at the hearing's outset.

He reiterated his opposition to taking away operations from the City of Detroit several times throughout the afternoon.

"If you (Detroit) do what you say in meeting the terms of the consent judgment, then you will have nothing to fear that I will take the operations from your control."

SOME OBSERVERS felt Feikens was being too lenient with the city. "The city is just dragging its feet," said attorney William Hampton, representing Oakland County Drain Commissioner George Kuhn.

"But the ultimatum is there," Hampton continued. "Unless the Feb. 1 deadline is met, the judge will have no al-

ternative but to take control of the sewage treatment plant from the City of Detroit."

Representatives of the Detroit water department said a specific plan of action will be prepared in time to meet the Feb. 1 deadline.

WHILE DETROIT attorneys did not formally request a delay in implementing the stricter pollution standards, which are slated to go into effect Dec. 31, 1979, they hinted the city might be forced to ask the schedule be relaxed.

Kuhn has long opposed any tampering with the pollution standards established by the consent judgment.

In a brief filed Friday with Judge Feikens, Kuhn asked the court to refuse to ease the pollution standards and asked that the court consider a temporary takeover of the facility.

Any temporary takeover, according to Kuhn's brief, would not last longer than one year.

# Snow is Michigan's middle name

For ski buffs and other winter sports enthusiasts, snow is one of Michigan's top crops. Except for isolated regions along Lakes Erie and Ontario and in the New England states, the state has some of the largest annual snowfalls east of the Rockies, according to Fred Nurnberger, meteorologist for the state Department of Agriculture's weather service.

"Areas experiencing the greatest depths and longest durations of substantial snow cover are located along the shores of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan where lake snow squalls frequently develop," said Nurnberger.

Michigan's heaviest average snowfall occurs in the Keweenaw pen-

insula and western upper peninsula where abrupt rises in elevation of several hundred feet help to cause an average maximum annual snowfall of over 180 inches.

Most seasonal snowfall records had been held by the village of Herman, the latest being set in 1975-76 with 302.4 inches. However, Tahquamenon Falls, in the eastern upper peninsula, broke that record in 1976-77 with 332.8 inches.

Greatest amount of snowfall registered during one single storm was at Calumet where 47.2 inches fell during January 15-20, 1950. On Feb. 23, 1922, Ishpeming received a record 29 inches during a 24-hour period.

Michigan's weather service does not forecast day to day weather, but compiles past weather data and performs statistical analyses for determining the probability of certain events occurring in the future.

"Collecting snowfall data is a challenge to even the heartiest of observers and a task made more difficult by high winds and drifting, which frequently

accompany Michigan snowstorms," said Nurnberger.

He said that dry fluffy snow may contain less than one-fifth the moisture of wet snow, which is what usually falls on lower Michigan.

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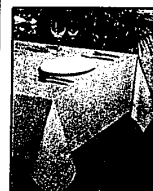
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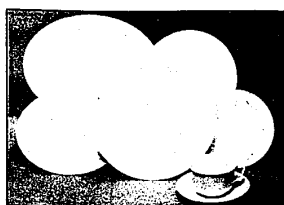
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