

Crossgates fails to meet standard, planner says

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The Pyramid Crossgates Co., developer of the proposed \$85 million Crossgates Mall in Guilderland, has again failed to meet air quality requirements for an "indirect source permit," a state Department of Environmental Conservation planner has determined.

Edward W. Davis, director of abatement planning for ECon, submitted information to EnCon Commissioner Robert Flacke Friday indicating reanalysis of air quality data shows peak concentrations of carbon monoxide at one of the intersections near the mall exceeds department standards.

The reanalysis came after Flacke's Nov. 28, 1980 decision to withhold permits for the proposed mall, giving

Crossgates six months to supply additional information. Flacke — who overruled a decision by the hearing judge — said at the time information on air quality, traffic flow and runoff water was incomplete. Of the information on traffic and air quality, the analysis of an intersection referred to only as "Intersection 1," on Western Avenue, has been called "the most critical."

In his submission to Flacke on Friday, Davis said the air quality standards have not been met because two "receptor sites" on the south side of Western Avenue would receive from 1 to 2 parts per million more carbon monoxide than EnCon regulations allow

Davis said the mall could open in

1985, when different standards would be in effect, but it would exceed standards for 1982, 1983 and 1984.

Because Crossgates has not met all of the requirements for an indirect source permit for air pollution, Flacke could rule that hearings on the mall should be reopened or that further information be submitted by Crossgates.

Davis' report was released late Friday and Flacke and other EnCon officials were unavailable for comment.

Bruce Kenan, managing partner of the Pyramid Crossgates Co., likewise could not be reached.

Flacke has until April 28 to decide whether to ask for additional information,