

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

THE PREMCOR REFINING GROUP INC.,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 20-
)	(LUST Appeal – Ninety Day
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)	Extension)
AGENCY,)	
Respondent.)	

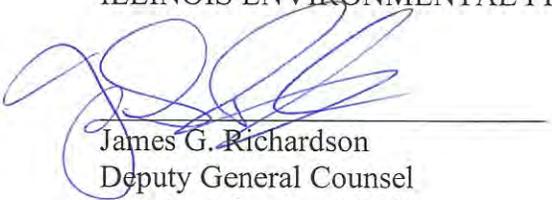
NOTICE

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Illinois Pollution Control Board
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Wood Environment and Infrastructure
Solutions, Inc.
15934 Clayton Road, Suite 215
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today caused to be filed a REQUEST FOR NINETY DAY EXTENSION OF APPEAL PERIOD with the Illinois Pollution Control Board, copies of which are served upon you.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



James G. Richardson
Deputy General Counsel
Dated: February 6, 2020
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**REQUEST FOR NINETY DAY EXTENSION
OF APPEAL PERIOD**

NOW COMES the Respondent, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“Illinois EPA”), by one of its attorneys, James G. Richardson, Deputy General Counsel, and, pursuant to Section 40(a)(1) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/40(a)(1)) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.208, hereby requests that the Illinois Pollution Control Board (“Board”) grant an extension of the thirty-five (35) day period for petitioning for a hearing to May 17, 2020, or any other date not more than a total of one hundred twenty-five (125) days from the date of receipt of the Illinois EPA’s final decision. In support thereof, the Illinois EPA respectfully states as follows:

1. On or about January 13, 2020, the Illinois EPA issued a final decision to the Petitioner.
2. On January 31, 2020, the Petitioner made a written request to the Illinois EPA for an extension of time by which to file a petition for review, asking the Illinois EPA to join in requesting that the Board extend the thirty-five day period for filing a petition by ninety days. Upon information and belief, Petitioner received the final decision on or about January 13, 2020.

3. The additional time requested by the parties may eliminate the need for a hearing in this matter or, in the alternative, allow the parties to identify issues and limit the scope of any hearing that may be necessary to resolve this matter.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the parties request that the Board, in the interest of administrative and judicial economy, grant this request for a ninety-day extension of the thirty-five day period for petitioning for a hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



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VRG Properties
Attn: Mr. Tim Mauntel
201 East Hawthorne
Hartford, IL 62048

Re: 1430655259 -- Peoria County
Peoria / VRG Properties C.
3907 North Sheridan Road
Incident-Claim No.: 20151104 -- 70595
Queue Date: September 20, 2019
Leaking UST Fiscal File

Dear Mr. Mauntel:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has completed the review of your application for payment from the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Fund for the above-referenced Leaking UST incident pursuant to Section 57.8(a) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5) (Act) and 35 Illinois Administrative Code (35 Ill. Adm. Code) 734.Subpart F.

This information is dated September 19, 2019 and was received by the Illinois EPA on September 20, 2019. The application for payment covers the period from January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019. The amount requested is \$32,880.50.

On September 20, 2019, the Illinois EPA received your application for payment for this claim. As a result of Illinois EPA's review of this application for payment, a voucher for \$17,121.83 will be prepared for submission to the Comptroller's Office for payment as funds become available based upon the date the Illinois EPA received your complete request for payment of this application for payment. Subsequent applications for payment that have been/are submitted will be processed based upon the date complete subsequent application for payment requests are received by the Illinois EPA. This constitutes the Illinois EPA's final action with regard to the above application(s) for payment.

The deductible amount for this claim is \$5,000.00, which was previously withheld from your payment(s). Pursuant to Section 57.8(a)(4) of the Act, any deductible, as determined pursuant to the Office of the State Fire Marshal's eligibility and deductibility final determination in accordance with Section 57.9 of the Act, shall be subtracted from any payment invoice paid to an eligible owner or operator.

There are costs from this claim that are not being paid. Listed in Attachment A are the costs that are not being paid and the reasons these costs are not being paid.

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595 S. State Street, Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 608-3131
2125 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 278-5800
2009 Mall Street Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 346-5120

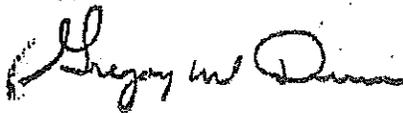
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412 SW Washington Street, Suite D, Peoria, IL 61602 (309) 671-3022
2309 W. Main Street, Suite 116, Marion, IL 62959 (618) 993-7200
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An underground storage tank system owner or operator may appeal this decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Appeal rights are attached.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Nicole Howland of my staff at (217) 524-0435.

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Dunn, Manager
Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program
Remedial Project Management Section
Bureau of Land



Attachment: A

c: Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.
Leaking UST Claims Unit

Appeal Rights

An underground storage tank owner or operator may appeal this final decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board pursuant to Sections 40 and 57.7(c)(4) of the Act by filing a petition for a hearing within 35 days after the date of issuance of the final decision. However, the 35-day period may be extended for a period not to exceed 90 days by written notice from the owner or operator and the Illinois EPA within the initial 35-day appeal period. If the owner or operator wishes to receive a 90-day extension, a written request that includes a statement of the date the final decision was received, along with a copy of this decision, must be sent to the Illinois EPA as soon as possible.

For information regarding the filing of an appeal, please contact:

Clerk of the Board
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601
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For information regarding the filing of an extension, please contact:

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Attachment A
Accounting Deductions

Re: 1430655259 -- Peoria County
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Citations in this attachment are from the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5) (Act) and 35 Illinois Administrative Code (35 Ill. Adm. Code).

Item # Description of Deductions

1. \$1,404.90, deduction for costs for drilling, which lack supporting documentation. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(cc). Since there is no supporting documentation of costs, the Illinois EPA cannot determine that costs will not be used for activities in excess of those necessary to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act. Therefore, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they may be used for site investigation or corrective action activities in excess of those required to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act. In addition, deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs for drilling that are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).

Documented drilling only showed a total of 105 feet. Since the well installation was 56 feet PUSH was reduced to 49 feet.

2. \$315.98, deduction for costs for laboratory analysis, which exceed the minimum requirements necessary to comply with the Act. Costs associated with site investigation and corrective action activities and associated materials or services exceeding the minimum requirements necessary to comply with the Act are not eligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(o).

The Hydraulic Conductivity laboratory analysis exceeds minimum requirements.

3. \$95.42, deduction for laboratory analysis costs that exceed the maximum payment amounts set forth in Subpart H, Appendix D, and/or Appendix E of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(zz). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable.

Soil classification laboratory analysis exceeded the Subpart H maximum reimbursement rate.

4. \$12,757.67, deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs for personnel that are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd). In addition, deduction for costs for personnel, which lack supporting documentation. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(cc). Since there is no supporting documentation of costs, the Illinois EPA cannot determine that costs will not be used for activities in excess of those necessary to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act. Therefore, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they may be used for site investigation or corrective action activities in excess of those required to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act. Also, deduction for costs for personnel, which exceed the minimum requirements necessary to comply with the Act. Costs associated with site investigation and corrective action activities and associated materials or services exceeding the minimum requirements necessary to comply with the Act are not eligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(o). In addition, deduction for consulting personnel costs associated with the procurement, oversight, or payment of subcontracts or field purchases. Pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.115 "Handling Charges" mean administrative, insurance, and interest costs and a reasonable profit for the procurement, oversight, and payment of subcontracts and field purchases. Therefore, these costs are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd) or 734.630(cc). Also, deduction for personnel costs that exceed the maximum payment amounts set forth in Subpart H, Appendix D, and/or Appendix E of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(zz). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable. Finally, a deduction for a reduction in the personnel title listed in Section 734.APPENDIX E Personnel Titles and Rates. Pursuant to Section 734.850(b) personnel costs must not exceed the amounts set forth in Appendix E and the personnel costs must be based on the work performed, regardless the title of the person performing the work. The Senior Project Manager rate has been reduced to a Senior Account Technician rate of \$68.14 per hour. The costs exceed the maximum payment amounts set forth in Subpart H, Appendix D, and/or Appendix E of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(zz). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).

Costs associated with "Result" are not reasonable and lack documentation and would be associated with the Stage 2 planning. Many of these costs also exceed minimum requirements for Stage 1. Time associated with tasks involving set up and review with contractors or subcontractor is considered part of handling charges and resulted in \$287.19 of the deduction. Scientist II and Scientist III exceeded the Subpart H

maximum reimbursement rate and resulted in \$4.57 of the deduction. The 30 hours of Senior Project Manager time to gather information and prepare Stage 1 claim package were reduced to Senior Account Technician rate resulting in \$1,747.80 of the deduction.

5. \$762.41; deduction for costs for consultant's materials, which lack supporting documentation. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(cc). Since there is no supporting documentation of costs, the Illinois EPA cannot determine that costs will not be used for activities in excess of those necessary to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act. Therefore, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they may be used for site investigation or corrective action activities in excess of those required to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act. In addition, deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs for consultant's materials that are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).

Also, deduction for indirect corrective action costs for personnel, materials, service, or equipment charged as direct costs. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(v). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable

The agency does not reimburse costs as lump sums. The mileage exceeded the federal reimbursement rate of \$0.535 per mile. The CADD cost is an indirect cost that is not reimbursed.

6. \$744.44, adjustment in the handling charges due to the deduction(s) of ineligible costs. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.1(a) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.635. In addition, deduction for handling charges for subcontractor costs when the contractor has not submitted proof of payment for subcontractor costs. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630 (ii). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable.

Only portions of invoices that are reimbursed are eligible for handling charges. Items such as hotel stays, per diems, mileage, and tollways are not eligible for handling. There was no proof of payment for the GeoService invoice, therefore handling is not allowed.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney at law, hereby certify that on February 6, 2020 I served true and correct copies of a REQUEST FOR NINETY DAY EXTENSION OF APPEAL PERIOD by the methods and to the persons identified below:

Electronic Service

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