

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

BETH EMET THE FREE SYNAGOGUE,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 21-
)	(LUST Appeal – Ninety Day
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)	Extension)
AGENCY,)	
Respondent.)	

NOTICE

Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601-3218

Bekki Harris Kaplan
Executive Director
Beth Emet The Free Synagogue
1224 Dempster
Evanston, Illinois 60202

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: September 15, 2020
1021 North Grand Avenue East
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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 December 21, 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:

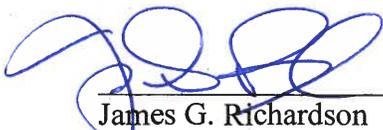
1. On or about August 10, 2020, the Illinois EPA issued a final decision to the Petitioner.
2. On September 9, 2020, the Petitioner made a written request to the Illinois EPA for an extension of time by which to file a petition for review, asking the Illinois EPA to join in requesting that the Board 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 August 18, 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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Beth Emet The Free Synagogue
Attn: Bekki Harris Kaplan
1224 Dempster Street
Evanston, IL 60202

*Rec'd
8-18-20*

Re: 0310815388 -- Cook County
Evanston / Beth Emet The Free Synagogue
1224 Dempster Street
Incident-Claim No.: 20190846 -- 71132
Queue Date: April 27, 2020
Leaking UST Fiscal File

Dear Bekki Harris Kaplan:

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 April 24, 2020 and was received by the Illinois EPA on April 27, 2020. The application for payment covers the period from October 11, 2019 to March 20, 2020. The amount requested is \$27,931.08.

On April 27, 2020, 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 \$18,084.50 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 of \$5,000.00 was withheld from your payment. 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.

4302 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103 (815) 987-7760
595 S. State Street, Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 608-3131
2125 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 278-5800
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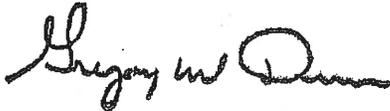
9511 Harrison Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016 (847) 294-4000
412 SW Washington Street, Suite D, Peoria, IL 61602 (309) 671-3022
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An underground storage tank system owner or operator may appeal this decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Appeal rights are attached.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Melissa Owens at (217) 785-3437.

Sincerely,



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

Attachments

c: JHF Consulting, 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
(312) 814-3620

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

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Attachment A
Accounting Deductions

Re: 0310815388 -- Cook County
Evanston/Beth Emet The Free Synagogue
1224 Dempster Street
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Queue Date: April 27, 2020
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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. \$378.76, deduction for costs for Remediation and Disposal, 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.

Drum disposal is being cut.

2. \$854.85, None of the costs incurred after December 11, 2019 are eligible for reimbursement. Early Action activities must be performed within the Illinois EPA-approved extension dates. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.210(g). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not site investigation or corrective action costs.

In addition, the costs 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.

Five hours for Brendan Peterson as a Senior Professional Engineer are being cut.

3. \$1,446.61, None of the costs incurred after December 11, 2019 are eligible for reimbursement. Early Action activities must be performed within the Illinois EPA-

approved extension dates. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.210(g). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not site investigation or corrective action costs.

11 hours for Brendan Peterson as an Engineer III in the amount are being cut.

4. \$1,282.28, deduction for costs for Consulting 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, the costs 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.

Finally, the 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).

Seven and a half hours for Peterson as a Senior Professional Engineer are being cut.

5. \$355.14, 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 Engineer III rate has been reduced to a Senior Account Technician rate of \$72.32 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).

Six hours for Peterson are being adjusted from the Engineer III rate to a Senior Account Technician rate.

6. \$98.65, 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 Engineer III rate has been reduced to a Senior Account Technician rate of \$72.32 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).

Two and a half hours for Peterson are being adjusted from the Senior Professional Engineer rate to an Engineer III rate.

7. \$430.29, 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.

Handling is being paid on \$1,260.00 for First Environmental and \$2,741.93 for Peterson Environmental, Ltd.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney at law, hereby certify that on September 15, 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:

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