

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 17, 2022

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 22-39
)	(Enforcement - Air)
HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, an Illinois not-)	
for-profit corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Van Wie):

On February 4, 2022, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a one-count complaint against Holy Cross Hospital (Holy Cross). The complaint concerns Holy Cross’s healthcare facility located at 2701 West 68th Street, Chicago, Cook County. Accompanying the complaint was a stipulation, proposal for settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. The parties therefore seek to settle the complaint without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the complaint and directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for hearing relief.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2020)), the Attorney General and the State’s Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois’ environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2020); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Holy Cross violated Section 9(a) of the Act [415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020)] and Section 201.302(a) of the Board’s Air Pollution Regulations [35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a)] by failing to timely submit a complete and accurate Annual Emissions Reports for the calendar year 2019. The Board finds that the complaint meets the applicable content requirements of the Board’s procedural rules and accepts the complaint. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(c).

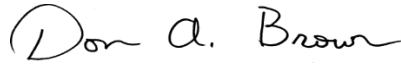
On February 4, 2022, simultaneously with the People’s complaint, the People and Holy Cross filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act [415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2020)]. This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act [415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2020)], which requires that the public have an opportunity to request a hearing whenever the State and a respondent propose settling an enforcement action without a public hearing. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). Under the proposed stipulation, Holy Cross does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.00.

Unless the Board determines that a hearing is needed, the Board must cause notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. Any person

may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If anyone timely files a written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the parties' request for relief and hold a hearing. See 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2020); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b), (c). The Board directs the Clerk to provide the required notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on February 17, 2022, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board