

**BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
by KWAME ROAUL, Attorney	)	
General of the State of Illinois,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PCB No.
	)	(Enforcement – Air)
MMJA Petro, Inc. d/b/a Marathon Fuel and Mini	)	
Mart, an Illinois Corporation,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**NOTICE OF FILING**

TO: Persons on Attached Service List (VIA ELECTRONIC FILING)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board by electronic filing the Complaint, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you. You may be required to answer the charges of the Complaint at a hearing before the Board, at a date set by the Board.

Failure to file an answer to this complaint within 60 days may have severe consequences. Failure to answer will mean that all allegations in the Complaint will be taken as if admitted for purposes of this proceeding. If you have any questions about this procedure, you should contact the hearing officer assigned to this proceeding, the clerk's office, or an attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
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Date: April 25, 2022

**Service List**

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Chicago, IL 60652

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President  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Arlene R. Haas, an Assistant Attorney General, certify that on the 25th day of April, 2022, I caused to be served the foregoing Notice of Filing and Complaint on the parties named on the attached Service List, by certified mail with return receipt by depositing envelope at United States Post Office, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601.

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3. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent has been and is an Illinois corporation in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State.

4. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent owned and operated and continues to own and operate a gasoline dispensing facility located at 130 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois 60619 (“Facility”)

5. As of the date of filing of this Complaint, the Facility is located in an area of Environmental Justice (“EJ”) concern as identified using Illinois EPA EJ Start.

6. Respondent owned and operated and continues to own and operate gasoline dispensing pumps at the Facility that emit volatile organic compounds (“VOCs”) into the environment.

7. As of the date of filing this complaint, Respondent has not submitted a notice of intent to the Illinois EPA to decommission its vapor collection and control system.

8. As of the date of filing this complaint, Respondent has not submitted a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results to the Illinois EPA.

9. Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020), provides as follows:

No person shall:

(a) Cause or threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any contaminant into the environment in any State so as to cause or tend to cause air pollution in Illinois, either alone or in combination with contaminants from other sources, or so as to violate regulations or standards adopted by the Board under this Act.

10. Section 218.586(i)(1)(B) of the Illinois Pollution Control Board (“Board”) Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), provides as follows:

No later than December 31, 2016, an owner or operator of a gasoline dispensing operation shall complete the decommissioning of all vapor collection and control systems in accordance with all of the provisions specified in subsection (i)(2).

11. Section 218.586(i)(2)(A) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm.

Code 201.586(i)(2)(A), provides as follows:

The owner or operator of a gasoline dispensing operation shall complete and submit a notice of intent form, provided by the Agency, notifying the Agency of its intent to decommission. The completed notice of intent form shall be submitted to the Agency at least 10 days prior to commencing decommissioning in accordance with subsection (i)(2)(B).

12. Section 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm.

Code 254.218(i)(2)(C), provides as follows:

The owner or operator of a gasoline dispensing operation and the contractors that performed the decommissioning shall complete and sign a decommissioning checklist and certification, provided by the Agency, documenting the decommissioning procedures performed. Within 30 days after completion of the decommissioning procedures specified by subsection (i)(2)(B), the owner or operator shall provide the completed checklist and certification and the test results to the Agency.

13. Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2020), provides the following

definition:

“PERSON” is any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, limited liability company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, political subdivision, state agency, or any other legal entity, or their legal representative, agent or assigns.

14. Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2020), provides the following

definition:

“CONTAMINANT” is any solid, liquid, or gaseous matter, any odor, or any form of energy, from whatever source.

15. Section 218.586(a)(11) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code

218.586(a)(11), provides the following definition:

“OWNER” or “OPERATOR” means any person who owns, leases, operates, manages, supervises or controls (directly or indirectly) a gasoline dispensing operation.

16. Section 218.586(a)(7) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(a)(7), provides the following definition:

“GASOLINE DISPENSING OPERATION” means any operation where motor vehicle fuel is dispensed into motor vehicle fuel tanks or portable containers from a storage tank with a capacity of 2176 liters (575 gallons) or more.

17. Respondent, an Illinois corporation, is a “person” as that term is defined in Section 3.315 the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2020).

18. VOCs are “contaminants” as that term is defined by Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2020).

19. Respondent is an “owner” or “operator,” as that term is defined in Section 218.586(a)(11) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(a)(11).

20. Respondent is a “gasoline dispensing operation,” as that term is defined in Section 218.586(a)(7) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(a)(7).

21. Respondent violated Sections 218.586(i)(2)(A) and (C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(A) and (C) by failing to timely submit a notice of intent to decommission and failing to timely submit a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results to the Illinois EPA.

22. On information and belief, Respondent failed to timely decommission its vapor collection and control system, and thereby violated Section 218.586(i)(1)(B) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B).

23. By violating Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), (2)(A) and (C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), (2)(A) and (C), Respondent caused or threatened or allowed the discharge or emission of VOCs into the environment, so as to violate

regulations adopted by the Board and has thereby violated Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020).

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, respectfully requests that the Board enter an Order against the Respondent, MMJA PETRO, INC. d/b/a MARATHON FUEL AND MINI MART, an Illinois corporation, with respect to Count I:

1. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondent will be required to answer the allegations herein;
2. Finding that the Respondent has violated Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020), and Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), (2)(A) and (C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), (2)(A) and (C);
3. Ordering the Respondent to cease and desist from any future violations of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020), and Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), (2)(A) and (C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), (2)(A) and (C);
4. Requiring the Respondent to decommission its vapor collection and control system pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(1)(B) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), and submit to the Illinois EPA a Notice of Intent Form pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(2)(A) to the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(A) and decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results, pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(C);
5. Assessing against the Respondent a civil penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for each violation of the Act and pertinent regulations, and an additional civil penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each day of violation;

6. Taxing all costs in this action, including, but not limited to, attorney, expert witness and consultant fees against Respondent; and

7. Granting such other relief as the Board deems appropriate and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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