

Service List

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Elizabeth Dubats, an Assistant Attorney General, certify that on the 30th day of June, 2022, I caused to be served the foregoing Notice of Filing and Complaint on the parties named on the attached Service List, via certified mail with return receipt.

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3. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Reddy owned and operated, and continues to own and operate a gasoline dispensing facility located at 8650 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois 60620, doing business as BP Amoco Gas Station (“Facility”).

4. Reddy owns and operates gasoline dispensing pumps at the Facility that emit volatile organic compounds (“VOCs”) into the environment.

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. 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.

7. 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.

8. Reddy, an individual, is a “person” as that term is defined in Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2020).

9. 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.

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

11. 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).

12. 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.

13. The Facility 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).

14. 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.

15. Reddy 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).

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

17. By December 31, 2016, Reddy was required to decommission the Facility's vapor collection and control system in accordance with Section 218.586(i)(1)(B) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), and therefore was required to submit a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results within 30 days after completion of decommissioning procedures, pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(C).

18. As of the date of the filing of this Complaint, Reddy has not submitted a decommissioning checklist, certification, or test results to Illinois EPA.

19. By failing to submit a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results to Illinois EPA, Reddy violated Section 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(C).

20. On information and belief, Reddy failed to timely decommission the Facility's 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).

21. By violating Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B) and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B) and 218.586(i)(2)(C), Reddy 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 Respondent, RAMACHANDRA REDDY d/b/a BP AMOCO GAS STATION, 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) and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B) and 218.586(i)(2)(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) and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B) and 218.586(i)(2)(C);

4. Requiring the Respondent to decommission the Facility's 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 a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results to Illinois EPA, 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

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

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
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