

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
March 18, 2004

COUNTY OF JACKSON,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	AC 04-44
	)	(Site Code: 0778140027)
GARY EASTON	)	(Administrative Citation)
(Murphysboro/Easton Automotive),	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.P. Novak):

On January 29, 2004, the County of Jackson timely filed an administrative citation against Gary Easton. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The County of Jackson alleged that Gary Easton violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2002)). The County of Jackson further alleges that Gary Easton violated this provision by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner that resulted in litter at the Murphysboro/Easton Automotive site in Jackson County.

As required, the County of Jackson served the administrative citation on Gary Easton within "60 days after the date of the observed violation." 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2002); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(b). To contest an administrative citation, a respondent must file a petition with the Board no later than 35 days after being served with the administrative citation. If the respondent fails to do so, the Board must find that the respondent committed the violation alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty. 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, Gary Easton failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that Gary Easton violated Section 21(p) of the Act.

The civil penalty for violating Section 21(p) is \$1,500 for a first offense and \$3,000 for a second or subsequent offense. 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there is one violation of Section 21(p) and this violation is a first offense, the total civil penalty is \$1,500. Under Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, the Board attaches the administrative citation and makes it part of the order below.

This opinion constitutes the Board's finding of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

1. Gary Easton must pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 no later than April 17, 2004, which is the 30th day after the date of this order.

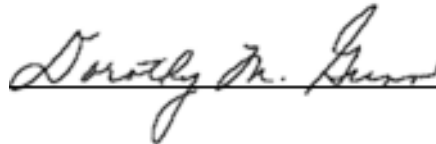
2. Gary Easton must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and Gary Easton's social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Gary Easton must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

Shirley Dillinger Booker
Jackson County Treasurer's Office
Murphysboro, Illinois 62966
4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2002)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2002)).
5. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violation continues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41(a) of the Environmental Protection Act provides that final Board orders may be appealed directly to the Illinois Appellate Court within 35 days after the Board serves the order. 415 ILCS 5/41(a) (2002); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(d)(2), 101.906, 102.706. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 335 establishes filing requirements that apply when the Illinois Appellate Court, by statute, directly reviews administrative orders. 172 Ill. 2d R. 335. The Board's procedural rules provide that motions for the Board to reconsider or modify its final orders may be filed with the Board within 35 days after the order is received. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.520; *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.902, 102.700, 102.702.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on March 18, 2004, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dorothy M. Gunn", written over a horizontal line.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board