

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

July 8, 2004

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Complainant,)	AC 04-75
)	(IEPA No. 221-04-AC)
v.)	(Administrative Citation)
)	
CHARLES L. PARKER,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

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

On May 5, 2004, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against Charles L. Parker. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The Agency alleges that Charles L. Parker violated Section 21(p)(1), (p)(3), and (p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(3), and (p)(7) (2002)). The Agency further alleges that Charles L. Parker violated these provisions by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner that resulted in (1) litter; (2) open burning; and (3) deposition of general construction or demolition debris or clean construction or demolition debris at a site in unincorporated Logan County.

As required, the Agency served the administrative citation on Charles L. Parker 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). On June 23, 2004, Charles L. Parker timely filed a petition to contest the administrative citation. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.204(b). Charles L. Parker alleges that the violations were the result of uncontrollable circumstances and that he did not cause the alleged violations. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.206. The Board accepts the petition for hearing.

The Board directs the hearing officer to proceed expeditiously to hearing. The hearing officer will give the parties at least 21 days written notice of the hearing. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.300; *see also* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(2) (2002). By contesting the administrative citation, Charles L. Parker may have to pay the hearing costs of the Board and the Agency. *See* 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500. A schedule of the Board's hearing costs is available at the Board's offices and on the Board's Web site at www.ipcb.state.il.us. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 504.

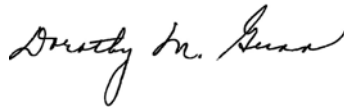
Charles L. Parker may withdraw his petition to contest the administrative citation at any time before the Board enters its final decision. If Charles L. Parker chooses to withdraw his petition, he must do so in writing, unless he does so orally at hearing. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.208. If Charles L. Parker withdraws his petition after the hearing starts, the Board will

require Charles L. Parker to pay the hearing costs of the Board and the Agency. *See id.* at 108.500(c).

The Agency has the burden of proof at hearing. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(2) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.400. If the Board finds that Charles L. Parker violated Section 21(p)(1), (p)(3), and (p)(7), the Board will impose civil penalties on Charles L. Parker. 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. However, if the Board finds that Charles L. Parker “has shown that the violation resulted from uncontrollable circumstances, the Board shall adopt a final order which makes no finding of violation and which imposes no penalty.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(2) (2002); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on July 8, 2004, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy M. Gunn", written in a cursive style.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board