

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
October 16, 2008

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
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Complainant,)
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v.) AC 09-11
) (IEPA No. 156-08-AC)
RUBY ACKLIN and JOSEPH FLICK,) (Administrative Citation)
)
Respondents.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.T. Girard):

Today the Board grants the motion of complainant, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency), to voluntarily dismiss respondent Ruby Acklin (Acklin) and enters a default order against respondent Joseph Flick (Flick). On August 25, 2008, the Agency filed an administrative citation against Flick and Acklin (collectively, respondents). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.202(c). The administrative citation concerns respondents' property located at 4155 Wing Hill Road in Cobden, Union County. The property is commonly known to the Agency as the "Cobden/Acklin-Flick" site and is designated with Site Code No. 1818545010.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2006)), an administrative citation is an expedited enforcement action brought before the Board seeking civil penalties that are fixed by statute. Administrative citations may be filed only by the Agency or, if the Agency has delegated the authority, by a unit of local government, and only for limited types of alleged violations at sanitary landfills or unpermitted open dumps. *See* 415 ILCS 5/3.305, 3.445, 21(o), (p), 31.1(c), 42(b)(4), (4-5) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108. In this case, the Agency alleged that respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(7) (2006)) on July 17, 2008, by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste resulting in litter and the deposition of general or clean construction or demolition debris at the Union County site. The Agency asked the Board to impose on respondents the statutory \$1,500 civil penalty per violation, for a total civil penalty of \$3,000.

Under the Act, the Agency must serve the administrative citation on respondents within "60 days after the date of the observed violation." 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2006); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(c), 108.202(b). The Agency timely served Flick with the administrative citation on August 25, 2008. However, on September 25, 2008, the Agency filed a motion to voluntarily dismiss Acklin. In the motion, the Agency states that it failed to timely serve Acklin. The Board therefore grants the Agency's motion and dismisses Acklin from this proceeding.

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 violations alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty. *See* 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review from Flick was due by September 29, 2008. Flick failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that Flick violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of the Act.

The civil penalty for violating any provision of subsection (p) of Section 21 is \$1,500 for each violation, except that the penalty amount is \$3,000 for each violation that is the person's second or subsequent adjudicated violation of that provision. *See* 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there are two violations of Section 21(p) and no allegation of any second or subsequent adjudicated violation by Flick, the total civil penalty is \$3,000. 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 findings of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

1. The Board grants the Agency's motion to voluntarily dismiss Acklin.
2. The Board finds that Flick violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(7) (2006)).
3. Flick must pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 no later than November 17, 2008, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Flick 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 Flick's social security number must be included on the certified check or money order.
4. Flick must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
5. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2006)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2006)).
6. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violations continue.

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) (2006); *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, John Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on October 16, 2008, by a vote of 4-0.



John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

4. That on July 17, 2008, Phillip Fatka of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Marion Regional Office inspected the above-described facility. A copy of his inspection report setting forth the results of said inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Phillip Fatka during the course of his July 17, 2008 inspection of the above-named facility, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Respondents have violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (hereinafter, the "Act") as follows:

- (1) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, a violation of Section 21(p)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2006).

- (2) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris or clean construction or demolition debris, a violation of Section 21(p)(7) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7) (2006).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006), Respondents are subject to a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for each of the violations identified above, for a total of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). If Respondents elect not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the statutory civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than September 30, 2008, unless otherwise provided by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

If Respondents elect to contest this Administrative Citation by petitioning the Illinois Pollution

Control Board in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2006), and if the Illinois Pollution Control Board issues a finding of violation as alleged herein, after an adjudicatory hearing, Respondents shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Those hearing costs shall be assessed in addition to the One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$1,500.00) statutory civil penalty for each violation.

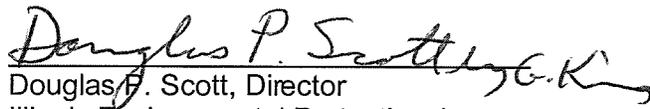
Pursuant to Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2006), if Respondents fail to petition or elect not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service, the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall adopt a final order, which shall include this Administrative Citation and findings of violation as alleged herein, and shall impose the statutory civil penalty specified above.

When payment is made, Respondents' check shall be made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and mailed to the attention of Fiscal Services, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Along with payment, Respondents shall complete and return the enclosed Remittance Form to ensure proper documentation of payment.

If any civil penalty and/or hearing costs are not paid within the time prescribed by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, interest on said penalty and/or hearing costs shall be assessed against the Respondents from the date payment is due up to and including the date that payment is received. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General may be requested to initiate proceedings against Respondents in Circuit Court to collect said penalty and/or hearing costs, plus any interest accrued.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Respondents have the right to contest this Administrative Citation pursuant to and in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31/1 (2006). If Respondents elect to contest this Administrative Citation, then Respondents shall file a signed Petition for Review, including a Notice of Filing, Certificate of Service, and Notice of Appearance, with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, State of Illinois Center, 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. A copy of said Petition for Review shall be filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Legal Counsel at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Section 31.1 of the Act provides that any Petition for Review shall be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation or the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall enter a default judgment against the Respondent.


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