## ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD September 17, 2009

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
Complainant,	)	
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V.	)	PCB 10-15 (Enforcement - Water)
VILLAGE OF KINSMAN, a municipal	)	
corporation,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

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

On August 13, 2009, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a one-count complaint against the Village of Kinsman (Kinsman). The complaint concerns Kinsman's municipal public water supply located in Kinsman, Grundy County. The Board accepted the complaint on August 20, 2009. Accompanying the complaint was a stipulation and proposal for settlement. The parties seek to settle without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the parties' stipulation and proposed settlement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2008)), <sup>1</sup> the Attorney General and the State's Attorney may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code. 103. In this case, the People allege that Kinsman violated Sections 18(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/18(a)(1), (a)(2) (2008)) and Sections 601.101 and 611.330(b) of the Board's public water supply regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 601.101, 611.330(b)). The People further allege that Kinsman violated these provisions by having a radium level higher than the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 5 picocuries per liter.

On August 13, 2009, as noted, the People and Kinsman filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2008)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2008)), which requires that the public have an opportunity to request a hearing whenever the State and a respondent propose settling an enforcement action without a public hearing. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in the *Morris Daily Herald* on August 18, 2009. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. The Board grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All citations to the Act will be to the 2008 compiled statutes, unless the provision at issue has been substantively amended in the 2008 compiled statutes.

Section 103.302 of the Board's procedural rules sets forth the required contents of stipulations and proposed settlements. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.302. These requirements include stipulating to facts on the nature, extent, and causes of the alleged violations and the nature of the Kinsman's operations. Section 103.302 also requires that the parties stipulate to facts called for by Section 33(c) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2008)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. Kinsman admits the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2008)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Kinsman agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$376.34. The People and Kinsman have satisfied Section 103.302. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposed settlement.

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

## **ORDER**

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. Kinsman must pay a civil penalty of \$376.34 by October 19, 2009, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Kinsman must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and Kinsman's federal tax identification number must appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
- 3. Kinsman must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services Division 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Kinsman must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

Vanessa Cordonnier Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau - Office of the Illinois Attorney General 69 West Washington St., Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60602

4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2008)) at the rate

- set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2008)).
- 5. Kinsman must cease and desist from future violations of the Environmental Protection Act and Board regulations that were the subject matter of the complaint.

## 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) (2008); *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, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on September 17, 2009, by a vote of 5-0.

John Therriault, Clerk

Illinois Pollution Control Board