

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
May 6, 2010

COUNTY OF JACKSON,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) AC 10-18
) (Administrative Citation)
ED CRIPPS,)
)
Respondent.)

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

On March 19, 2010, Jackson County timely filed an administrative citation against Ed Cripps (respondent). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2008) 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.202(c). The administrative citation concerns respondent’s facility in Jackson County. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) as the “Murphysboro/Ed Cripps Site” site and is designated with Site Code No. 0770505071. For the reasons below, the Board finds that respondent violated the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2008)) and orders respondent to pay \$3,000 in civil penalties.

Under the Act, 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) (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.

In this case, Jackson County alleges that on January 26, 2010, respondent violated Section 21(p) (1) and (7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (p)(7) (2008)) by causing or allowing open dumping resulting in: 1) litter, and 2) deposition of general construction or demolition debris; or clean construction or demolition debris. Jackson County asks the Board to impose the statutory \$3,000 civil penalty on respondent. As required, Jackson County served the administrative citation on respondent within “60 days after the date of the observed violation.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2008); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(c), 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 violations alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty. *See* 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due by April 24, 2010. Respondent failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that respondent violated Section 21(p) (1) and (7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (p)(7) (2008)) 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) (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there are two violations of Section 21(p) and this is the first adjudicated violation, 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 finds that Ed Cripps violated Section 21(p) (1) and (7) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (p)(7) (2008))
2. Ed Cripps must pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 no later than June 7, 2010, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Ed Cripps must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, in the amount of \$1,500 made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and \$1,500 made payable to County of Jackson. The case number, case name, and Ed Cripps's social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Ed Cripps must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form made to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund to:

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

AND the certified check or money order and the remittance form made to the County of Jackson to:

County of Jackson
c/o Jackson County Treasurer
Jackson County Courthouse
Murphsyboro, 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) (2008)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2008)).
5. 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) (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, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on May 6, 2010, by a vote of 5-0.



John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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ORIGINAL

JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by 415 ILCS 5/1 *et. seq.* (2008), specifically 415 ILCS 5/31.1.

FACTS

1. The Respondent, Ed Cripps, is the present owner and occupant and in control and possession of a facility located in the County of Jackson, State of Illinois.
2. The facility is an open dump, operating without an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit, and designated with the Site Code # 0770505071. The facility is known to the Agency as the Murphysboro/Ed Cripps site.
4. The Respondent has owned, occupied, controlled and/or operated the facility at all relevant times hereto.
5. On January 26, 2010, Don Terry, Field Inspector, Jackson County Health Department, inspected the facility. A true and correct copy of the inspection report, along with Mr. Terry's affidavit, are attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.

VIOLATIONS

On the basis of Field Inspector, Don Terry's, direct observation, he has determined that the Respondent has caused or allowed open dumping at the above described facility in a manner that resulted in the following violations:

That on January 26, 2010, an on-site inspection of the facility disclosed the following:

1. The Respondent has caused or allowed litter at the facility in violation of 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1).
2. The Respondent has caused or allowed the deposition of general construction or demolition debris; or clean construction or demolition debris in violation of 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2008), Respondent is 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 Respondent elects not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the statutory civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than May 1, 2010, unless otherwise provided by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

If Respondent elects 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, Respondent 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 Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$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) (2008), if Respondent fails 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, checks shall be made payable in equal amounts (50% of total penalty each) to:

- (1) County of Jackson, c/o Jackson County Treasurer, Jackson County Courthouse, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966; and
- (2) 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.

Respondent shall complete and return the enclosed Remittance Forms with payments 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 Respondent from the date payment is due up to and including the date that payment is received. The Complainant may either initiate proceedings against Respondent in Circuit Court or other debt collection actions to collect said penalty and/or hearing costs, plus any interest accrued.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

You have the right to contest this Citation, pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/31.1. If you elect to contest this Citation, you must file a Petition For Review with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board. A copy of the Petition For Review shall also be filed with Daniel Brenner, Assistant State's Attorney, Jackson County Courthouse, Third Floor, Murphysboro, IL 62966. **YOUR PETITION FOR REVIEW MUST BE FILED WITHIN 35 DAYS OF THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE PRESENT CITATION ON YOU. YOUR PETITION MUST STATE THE REASON(S) YOU BELIEVE THE PRESENT MATTER SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE YOUR PETITION AND STATE THE REASONS THE PRESENT MATTER SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED, A DEFAULT ORDER AGAINST YOU WILL BE ENTERED BY THE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD.**

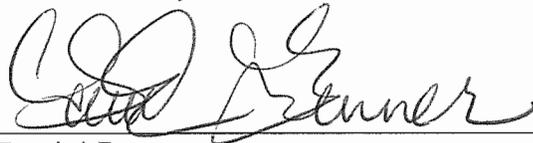
Your original Petition must be filed with the Clerk of the Board at:

Clerk
Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601-3218

A copy must also be sent to:

Office of the State's Attorney
Daniel Brenner
Assistant State's Attorney
Jackson County Courthouse, 3rd Floor
Murphysboro, IL 62966

DATED: 3/5, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Brenner", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Brenner
Assistant State's Attorney

REMITTANCE FORM TO COUNTY OF JACKSON

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Date Remitted: _____, 2010

SS/FEIN # _____

Signature _____

NOTE

Please include the information on the blank lines. Mail this form with your check to:

Shirley Dillinger Booker
Jackson County Treasurer
Jackson County Courthouse
Murphysboro, Illinois, 62966

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NOTE

Please enter the date of your remittance, social security number, if an individual, or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) if a corporation, and sign the remittance form. Be sure the appropriate check is enclosed and mail, along with this remittance form, to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Attn: Fiscal Services, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.