

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
July 1, 2010

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL )  
PROTECTION AGENCY, )  
 )  
Complainant, )  
 )  
v. ) AC 10-29  
 ) (IEPA No. 161-10-AC)  
CHRISTA HJORT, )  
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Respondent. )

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

On June 9, 2010, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) filed an administrative citation against Christa Hjort. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108. The administrative citation concerns a property located at 9482 East US 36, Oakley, Macon County. The property is commonly known to the Agency as the “Longcreek/Casner Motor Company” site and is designated with Site Code No. 1158075003. The Agency alleged that on April 12, 2010, Ms. Hjort violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2008)) by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter.

On June 17, 2010, the Agency filed a motion to voluntarily dismiss the administrative citation. In the motion, the Agency states that it failed to serve the administrative citation on Ms. Hjort within “60 days after the date of the observed violation.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2006); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(b). The Board therefore grants the Agency’s motion, dismisses this case, and closes the docket. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.402.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on July 1, 2010, by a vote of 5-0.



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John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by Section 31.1 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2006).

FACTS

1. That Christa Hjort is the current owner ("Respondent") of a facility located at 9482 East US 36, Oakley, Macon County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Longcreek/Casner Motor Company.
2. That said facility is an open dump operating without an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit and is designated with Site Code No. 1158075003.
3. That Respondent has owned said facility at all times pertinent hereto.
4. That on April 12, 2010, Curt White of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's ("Illinois EPA") Champaign 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.

5. That on 6-1-10, Illinois EPA sent this Administrative Citation via Certified Mail No. 7008 1830 0001 4720 8032.

#### VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Curt White during the course of his April 12, 2010 inspection of the above-named facility, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Respondent has violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (hereinafter, the "Act") as follows:

- (1) That Respondent 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).

#### CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006), 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 One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). 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 June 30, 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 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 Respondent fails to petition or elects 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, Respondent's 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, Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent in Circuit Court to collect said penalty and/or hearing costs, plus any interest accrued.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS  
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Respondent has 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 Respondent elects to contest this Administrative Citation, then Respondent 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.

Douglas P. Scott by SOP

Douglas P. Scott, Director  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date: 6/11/2010

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REMITTANCE FORM

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FACILITY:	Longcreek/Casner Motor Company	SITE CODE NO.:	0118240001
COUNTY:	Macon	CIVIL PENALTY:	\$1,500.00
DATE OF INSPECTION:	April 12, 2010		

DATE REMITTED:

SS/FEIN NUMBER:

SIGNATURE:

NOTE

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