

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 9, 2014

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY)
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Complainant,)
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v.) AC 14-26
) (IEPA No. 322-13-AC)
NORTHWIND RAS, LLC,) (Administrative Citation)
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Respondent.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by D. Glosser):

On November 20, 2013, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against G and E Five, LLC¹ and Northwind RAS LLC (respondent). 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.202(c). The administrative citation concerns a property located at 5728 Logistics Parkway, Rockford, Winnebago County. The property is commonly known to Agency as the “Rockford/Northwind RAS, LLC” site and is designated with Site Code No. 2010306637. For the reasons below, the Board finds that respondent violated the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2012)) 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. *See* 415 ILCS 5/21(o), 21(p), 22.51, 22.51a, 31.1(c), 42(b)(4), 42(b)(4-5), 55(k) (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.

In this case, the Agency alleges that on September 27, 2013, respondent violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (7), of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (7) (2012)) by open dumping waste leading to litter and in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris, or clean construction or demolition debris. The Agency asks the Board to impose the statutory \$1,500 civil penalty per violation on respondent, for a total civil penalty of \$3,000. As required, the Agency served respondent with the administrative citation on November 16, 2013, which is within “60 days after the date of the observed violation.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2012); *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

¹ On December 19, 2013, the Board granted a motion to dismiss G and E Five, LLC as the Agency failed to timely serve G and E Five, LLC.

corresponding civil penalty. *See* 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due by December 23, 2013. respondent failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that respondent violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (7), of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (7) (2012)).

The civil penalty for violating any provision of Section 21(p) of the Act 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) (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there two violations of Section 21(p) and there is no indication in the record that any of these is a second or subsequent 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 finding of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

1. The Board finds that Northwind RAS LLC (respondent) violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (7) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (7) (2012)).
2. Respondent must pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 no later than February 10, 2014, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Respondent 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 respondent's social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Respondent 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]
4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2012)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2012)).
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) (2012); *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 T. Therriault, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on January 9, 2014, by a vote of 4-0.



John T. Therriault, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

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 (2010).

FACTS

1. That G and E Five, LLC is the current owner and Northwind RAS, LLC is the operator (“collectively Respondents”) of a facility located at 5728 Logistics Parkway, Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Rockford/Northwind RAS, LLC.
2. That said facility is designated with Site Code No. 2010306637.
3. That Respondents have owned/operated said facility at all times pertinent hereto.
4. That on September 27, 2013, Kathy Geyer of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s (“Illinois EPA”) Rockford Regional Office inspected the above-described facility. A copy of the inspection report setting forth the results of said inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

5. That on 11-12-13, Illinois EPA sent this Administrative Citation via Certified Mail No. 7012 0470 0001 2973 9170 - G & E.
7012 0470 0001 2973 9187 - Northwind RAS
VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Kathy Geyer during the course of the September 27, 2013 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) (2010).

- (2) That Respondent 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) (2010).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2010), 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 December 16, 2013, 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 (2010), 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) (2010), 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.

REMITTANCE FORM

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FACILITY: Rockford/Northwind RAS, LLC
SITE CODE NO.: 2010306637
COUNTY: Winnebago
CIVIL PENALTY: \$3,000.00
DATE OF INSPECTION: September 27, 2013

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.