

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
November 20, 2014

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| ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL | ) |                           |
| PROTECTION AGENCY,     | ) |                           |
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| Complainant,           | ) |                           |
|                        | ) |                           |
| v.                     | ) | AC 15-13                  |
|                        | ) | (IEPA No. 354-14-AC)      |
| JOHN D. BELLESS,       | ) | (Administrative Citation) |
|                        | ) |                           |
| Respondent.            | ) |                           |

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by D. Glosser):

On October 14, 2014, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against John D. Belless (respondent) See 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.202(c). The administrative citation concerns respondent's facility located at 21200 CR 1950E, Buzzville, Macon County. The property is commonly known to the Agency as the "Buzzville/Belless" site and is designated with Site Code No. 1258105021. The Agency alleged that on August 26, 2014, respondent violated Sections 21(p)(1), (p)(2), and (p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(2), and (p)(7) (2012)).

On November 13, 2014, the Agency filed a motion for voluntary dismissal of the administrative citation. In the motion, the Agency states that it failed to serve the citation on respondent within "60 days after the date of the observed violation." 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2012); *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 T. Therriault, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on November 20, 2014, by a vote of 4-0.



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John T. Therriault, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Pollution Control Board

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v. )  
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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 (2014).

FACTS

1. That John D. Belless is the current owner ("Respondent") of a facility located at 21200 CR 1950E, Buzzville, Mason County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Buzzville/Belless (Lot 2).

2. That said facility is designated with Site Code No. 1258105021.

3. That Respondent has owned said facility at all times pertinent hereto.

4. That on August 26, 2014, Paul Eisenbrandt of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's ("Illinois EPA") Springfield 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 10-9-14, Illinois EPA sent this Administrative Citation via Certified Mail No. 7012 0470 0001 3000 9798.

## VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Paul Eisenbrandt during the course of his August 26, 2014 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) (2014).
  
- (2) That Respondent caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in open burning, a violation of Section 21(p)(3) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(3) (2014).
  
- (3) 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) (2014).

## CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2014), 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 Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00). 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 November 10, 2014, 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 (2014), 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) (2014), 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 (2014). 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.

*Lisa Bonnett* *awr*

Date:

10-8-14

Lisa Bonnett, Director  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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REMITTANCE FORM

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FACILITY: Buzzville/Belless (Lot 2)  
 SITE CODE NO.: 1258105021  
 COUNTY: Mason  
 CIVIL PENALTY: \$4,500.00  
 DATE OF INSPECTION: August 26, 2014

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.