ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD May 7, 2015

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	PCB 15-185
)	(Enforcement – Water)
THE VILLAGE OF VOLO,)	
an Illinois municipal corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C. K. Zalewski):

On April 21, 2015, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a six-count complaint against the Village of Volo (respondent). The complaint concerns respondent's construction area on the land abutting the east side of US Route 12 between Volo Village Road on the south and Molidor Road on the north, Volo, Lake County. Accompanying the complaint was a stipulation, proposal for settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. The parties therefore seek to settle the complaint without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the complaint and directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for hearing relief.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2012)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that respondent violated Sections 12(a), (d), and (f) of the Act, (415 ILCS 5/12(a), (d), and (f) (2012)) and Sections 302.203, 304.105, 304.106, and 309.102 of the Board's Water Quality Regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203, 304.105, 304.106, and 309.102). The People allege respondent violated these provisions by causing or allowing water pollution and creating a water pollution hazard during installation of water main extensions. The Board finds that the complaint meets the applicable content requirements of the Board's procedural rules and accepts the complaint. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(c).

On April 21, 2015, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and respondent 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) (2012)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2012)), 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). Under the proposed stipulation, the respondent neither admits nor denies the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$8,000.

Unless the Board determines that a hearing is needed, the Board must cause notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. Any person

may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If anyone timely files a written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the parties' request for relief and hold a hearing. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b), (c). The Board directs the Clerk to provide the required notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John T. Therriault, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on May 7, 2015, by a vote of 5-0.

John T. Therriault, Clerk

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