ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 16, 2020

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Complainant,)
V.) PCB 20-70) (Enforcement - Air)
NORTH AMERICAN E.N., INC., an Illinois) (Emoreement 7111)
corporation,)
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by A. Palivos):

On April 6, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a one-count complaint against North American E.N., Inc (North American). The complaint concerns North American's property located at 776 Lunt Avenue in Elk Grove Village, Cook 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 (2018)), 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 (2018); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that North American violated Section 9(a) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2018)), Section 201.302(a) of the Board's air pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.302(a)), and Sections 254.132(a) and 254.137(a) of the Illinois EPA air pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a) and 254.137(a)) by failing to submit a complete and accurate Air Emissions Report (AER) for the calendar year 2018. 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 6, 2020, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and North American 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) (2018)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2018)), 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 North American admits the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$7,000.

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) (2018); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b), (c). The Board directs the Clerk to provide the required notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on April 16, 2020 by a vote of 4-0.

Don A. Brown, Clerk

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