ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD August 13, 2020

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| Complainant,) | |
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| v.)] | PC |
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| TFC GROUP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability) | |
| corporation,) | |
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| Respondent. | |

PCB 21-01 (Enforcement - Air)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by A. Palivos):

On July 15, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a one-count complaint against TFC Group, LLC (TFC). The complaint concerns TFC's coating and electroplating facility located at 136 Commercial Avenue in Addison, DuPage 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 TFC violated Section 201.302(a) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a)), 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)), and Section 9(a) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2018)) by failing to timely submit a complete and accurate Annual Emissions Report for 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 July 15, 2020, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and TFC 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, TFC neither admits nor denies the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.

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 August 13, 2020, by a vote of 4-0.

Don a. Brown

Don A. Brown, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board