

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
November 5, 2020

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
)  
Complainant, )  
)  
v. ) PCB 21-23  
) (Enforcement - Water)  
SOLVENT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, )  
INC., an Illinois corporation, )  
)  
Respondent. )

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by B.F. Currie):

On September 24, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a three-count complaint against Solvent Systems International, Inc. (Solvent Systems). The complaint concerns Solvent Systems' cleaning product production facility located at 70 King Street, Elk Grove Village, Cook County (Facility). The parties now seek to settle without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the parties' stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement.

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 Solvent Systems violated the following authorities:

**Count I**—Violated Section 12(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2018), by causing or allowing methyl ester process oils to be discharged from the Facility.

**Count II**—Violated Section 12(d) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(d) (2018), by depositing spent methyl ester process oils on the concrete pad at the Facility that flowed into an adjacent drainage ditch and stormwater sewer creating a water pollution hazard.

**Count III**—Violated Section 12(f) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(f) (2018), and Section 309.102(a) of the Board Water Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code, by failing to apply for and obtain coverage under the General NPDES Stormwater Permit for Industrial Activities for stormwater discharges from the Facility.

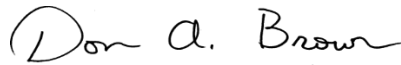
On October 30, 2020, the People and Solvent Systems filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2018)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (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, Solvent Systems neither admits nor denies the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$9,874.

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 comment or demand for hearing within 30 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 November 5, 2020, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Brown".

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Don A. Brown, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board