### BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL	)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,	)	
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Complainant	)	AC 2022-
	)	
v.	)	(IEPA No. 222-21-AC)
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MARK SIEFERT,	)	
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Respondent.	)	

## **NOTICE OF FILING**

To: Mark Siefert

1621 Barthelone Crest Hill, IL 60403

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board an <u>APPEARANCE</u>, <u>ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION</u>, <u>AFFIDAVIT</u> and <u>RÉCORDS REVIEW MEMORANDUM</u>, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace McCarten Assistant Counsel

DATED: September 2, 2021

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## **APPEARANCE**

The undersigned, as one of its attorneys, hereby enters an <u>APPEARANCE</u> on behalf of Complainant, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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# BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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## <u>JURISDICTION</u>

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") by Section 23.1 of the Public Water Supply Operations Act ("PWSO Act"), 415 ILCS 45/23.1 (2020).

#### <u>FACTS</u>

- 1. Pursuant to Section 1 of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/1, every public water supply in Illinois must employ on its operational staff at least one individual certified as a Responsible Operator in Charge ("ROINC"), and all portions of the public water supply system must be under the direct supervision of the ROINC.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 1.1(a) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/1.1(a), the ROINC is jointly accountable with the owner of the public water supply for the proper operation of all portions of the public water supply.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 1.1(b)(3) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/1.1(b)(3), the ROINC is responsible for submitting consumer confidence reports, monthly operating reports, and drinking

water compliance monitoring results, such as corrosion control reports and monitoring results.

- 4. That Mark Siefert ("Respondent") is currently the ROINC for the following public water supplies:
  - Criswell Court Mobile Home Park ("MHP") (IL1975105)
  - Crest Hill (IL1970250)
- 5. That said facilities in Paragraph #4 are public water supplies that are responsible for the continuous operation of their facilities in order to provide drinking water that is safe in quality, clean, adequate in quantity and satisfactory for domestic consumption.
- 6. That on August 18, 2021, Segundo Nallatan of the Illinois EPA's Bureau of Water/Division of Public Water Supplies conducted a records review of Criswell Court MHP and Crest Hill. A copy of the Illinois EPA records review memorandum setting forth the results of said records review is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 7. That on September 2, 2021, Illinois EPA sent this Administrative Citation via United Parcel Service (signature requested)

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#### **VIOLATIONS**

Based upon the records review conducted by Segundo Nallatan on August 18, 2021 of Criswell Court Mobile Home Park and Crest Hill, the Illinois EPA has determined that Respondent has violated the PWSO Act, and the Illinois Pollution Control Board's ("Illinois PCB") regulations as follows:

- That Respondent failed to submit, in accordance with Illinois PCB rules, monthly operating reports for Criswell Court MHP, within 30 days following the last day of the month, for the months listed below, in violation of Section 1.1(b)(3) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/1.1(b)(3) (2020), and Sections 603.103(g) and 604.165 of Title 35 of the Illinois PCB's regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 603.103(g) and 604.165:
  - Criswell Court MHP: May 2021 (due June 30, 2021)
  - Criswell Court MHP: June 2021 (due July 30, 2021)
- That Respondent failed to submit, in accordance with Illinois PCB rules, monthly operating reports for Crest Hill, within 30 days following the last day of the month, for the months listed below, in violation of Section 1.1(b)(3) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/1.1(b)(3) (2020), and Sections 603.103(g) and 604.165 of Title 35 of the Illinois PCB's regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 603.103(g) and 604.165:
  - Crest Hill: May 2021 (due June 30, 2021)
  - Crest Hill: June 2021 (due July 30, 2021)

## **CIVIL PENALTY**

Pursuant to Section 23(f) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/23(f) (2020), Respondent is subject to a civil penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each of the violations identified above (assessed at \$500 per public water supply), for a total of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). 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 2, 2021 unless otherwise provided by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

Pursuant to Section 23(d) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/23(d) (2020), 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 Respondent elects to contest this Administrative Citation by petitioning the Illinois Pollution Control Board in accordance with Section 23(d) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/23(d) (2020), 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 Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) statutory civil penalty for each of the violations.

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 23(d) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/23(d) (2020). 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 (or electronically at https://pcb.illinois.gov/). 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 23(d) of the

PWSO 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.

Michael Brown, Division Manager

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date:

9-2-2021

Prepared by:

Grace McCarten, Assistant Counsel

Division of Legal Counsel

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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## **REMITTANCE FORM**

PROTECTION AGENCY,	)	
Complainant,	)	AC 2022-
v.	)	(IEPA No. 222-21-AC)
Mark Siefert,	)	
Respondent.	)	
FACILITY: Criswell Court MHP (IL197 Crest Hill (IL1970250)	75105)	
CIVIL PENALTY: \$1,000.00		
DATE OF RECORDS REVIEW: Augus	st 18, 2021	
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.

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** August 18, 2021

To: Michael Brown

**<u>From</u>**: Segundo Nallatan, Elgin Regional Manager

**Subject:** Records review for Mark Siefert

<u>Violation Description</u>: Mark Siefert, is the Responsible Operator in Charge (ROINC) under contractual agreement for Criswell Court Mobile Home Park (IL1975105) since August 1, 2016 and for Crest Hill (IL1970250) as a City employee since April 28, 2016 and has failed to submit required monthly operating reports for the following months:

- 1. Criswell Court MHP IL1975105; May 2021 (due June 30, 2021)
- 2. Criswell Court MHP IL1975105; June 2021 (due July 30, 2021)
- 3. Crest Hill IL1970250; May 2021 (due June 30, 2021)
- 4. Crest Hill IL1970250; June 2021 (due July 30, 2021)

<u>Violation Citations:</u> Failure to submit monthly operating reports (on-going violation) Public Water Supply Operations Act Section 415 ILCS 45/1.1(b)(3) and Sections 18 and 19 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act 415 ILCS 5/18 and 19, 35 III. Adm. Code 603.103(g) and 604.165.

<u>Violation Documentation</u>: The above referenced violations were discovered pursuant to a records review conducted by Segundo Nallatan on August 18, 2021.

## **Operator Contact Information:**

Mark Siefert 1621 Barthelone Crest Hill, IL 60403

# ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AFFIDAVIT

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
Illinois Environmental	)	
Protection Agency	)	
vs.	) ) )	IEPA Docket No. 222-21-AC
Mark Siefert	)	
Respondent.	)	

- I, Segundo Nallatan, being first duly sworn, on oath voluntarily state as follows:
- 1. I am currently employed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), Elgin Regional Office, located at 595 S. State Street, Elgin, Illinois, as a Public Service Administrator with the Division of Public Water Supplies ("DWPS") in the Bureau of Water ("BOW").
- 2. I have been employed by the Illinois EPA since November 16, 1999. As part of my duties in the Illinois EPA's Bureau of Water, I am responsible for providing oversight and review of all necessary requirements for facilities to maintain compliance with pertinent sections of the Public Water Supply Operations Act ("PWSO Act"), Illinois Environmental Protection Act, and associated rules and regulations thereunder, as well as determining if there are any violations of those requirements. More specifically, I am responsible for performing routine sanitary surveys, responding to customer complaints, providing technical assistance to public water supplies, reviewing public water supply

operator contracts, and ensuring that public water supplies submit consumer confidence reports, monthly operating reports, and drinking water compliance monitoring results, as well as reviewing all such reports.

- 3. Mark Siefert is currently the Responsible Operator in Charge ("ROINC") for the following public water supplies:
  - Criswell Court Mobile Home Park ("MHP") (IL1975105)
  - Crest Hill (IL1970250)
- 4. Pursuant to Section 1.1(b)(3) of the PWSO Act, 415 ILCS 45/1.1(b)(3), the ROINC is responsible for submitting consumer confidence reports, monthly operating reports, and drinking water compliance monitoring results, such as corrosion control reports and monitoring results.
- Accordingly, as the ROINC, Mark Siefert is responsible for submittal of Monthly Operating Reports on behalf of Criswell Court MHP and Crest Hill, among other duties.
- 6. On August 18, 2021, I conducted a records review of Illinois EPA files with respect to Criswell Court MHP and Crest Hill. This records review indicates that, as of the date of this Affidavit, Mark Siefert has failed to submit Monthly Operating Reports on behalf of Criswell Court Mobile Home Park and Crest Hill for the following months:

- Criswell Court MHP: May 2021 (due June 30, 2021)
- Criswell Court MHP: June 2021 (due July 30, 2021)
- Crest Hill: May 2021 (due June 30, 2021)
- Crest Hill: June 2021 (due July 30, 2021)

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Segundo Nallatan

Signed and sworn to before me

this 1st day of September, 2021.

Notary Public

JOSHUA L PETERSON Official Seal Notary Public - State of Illinois My Commission Expires Feb 23, 2025

# INFORMATIONAL NOTICE!!!

## IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS.

NOTE:

This Administrative Citation refers to <u>TWO</u> separate State of Illinois Agencies. One is the **ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** located at James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. The other state agency is the **ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY** located at: 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 61794-9276.

If you elect to contest the enclosed Administrative Citation, you must file a <u>PETITION FOR REVIEW</u> with thirty-five (35) days of the date the Administrative Citation was served upon you. Any such Petition for Review must be filed with the clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board by either hand delivering or mailing to the Board at the address given above, or filed electronically at https://pcb.illinois.gov/. A copy of the Petition for Review should be either hand-delivered or mailed to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at the address given above and should be marked to the ATTENTION: DIVISION OF LEGAL COUNSEL.

Any person other than individuals MUST appear through an attorneyat-law licensed and registered to practice law. Individuals may appear on their own behalf, or through an attorney. 35 III. Adm. Code 101.400(a).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned attorney at law, hereby certify that I have initiated service on the date of September 2, 2021, the attached <u>APPEARANCE</u>, <u>ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION</u>, <u>AFFIDAVIT</u> and <u>RECORDS REVIEW MEMORANDUM</u>, upon the following person by causing to be mailed a true copy thereof in an envelope duly addressed, bearing proper first class postage, and deposited in the United States mail, via the United Parcel Service (signature requested), at Springfield, Illinois:

Mark Siefert 1621 Barthelone Crest Hill, IL 60403

Grace McCarten
Assistant Counsel

DATED: September 2, 2021

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