FORMAL COMPLAINT

Before the Illinois Pollution Control Board

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PAUL CHRISTIAN PRATAPAS, an American)		
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STEEPLE RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; and)		
OZYNGA CONCRETE YARD #281			
Respondents)		
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1. Your Contact Information

Name:

Paul Christian Pratapas

Street Address:

1330 E. Chicago Ave.

Naperville

County:

DuPage

State:

IL

Phone Number:

(630)210-1637

2. Name and Address of Respondents

Name:

STEEPLE RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Address:

6S151 STEEPLE RUN DR

NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

County:

DUPAGE

State:

IL

Phone:

(630) 420.6385

Name:

OZYNGA NAPERVILLE YARD #281

Address:

515 SPRING ST

NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

State:

IL

Phone:

(480) 436.0041

ADDRESS OF WHERE POLLUTION IS OCCURRING

6S151 STEEPLE RUN DR. NAPERVILLE, IL 60540 Describe the type of business or activity that you allege is causing or allowing pollution (e.g., manufacturing company, home repair shop) and give the address of the pollution source if different than the address above.

Steeple Run Elementary School has been silent as the school was overloaded with 1,000 + students it was not designed at the expense of the residents living in Steeple Run Subdivision. Steeple Run is building an addition to the first addition which added special ed/behavior management room(s) in the late 80s or Early 90s when I attended.

- List specific sections of the Environmental Protection Act, Board regulations, Board order, or permit that you allege have been or are being violated.
 - 1. 415 ILCS 5.12(a)
 - 2. 415 ILCS 5/12 (d)

-3. IL Admin Code Title 35, 304.141(b) pp 12/29/22

Describe the type of pollution that you allege

Water and Safety: Ozynga washed out their trucks on the ground of a public elementary school playground while the kids were on recess. This was after burying Additionally, track out is not being managed leading to sediment laden water entering the offsite inlet set to receive rainwater from the construction area. Trackout also on public roads creating a safety issue for residents.

 Identify any identical or substantially similar case you know of brought before the Board or in another forum against this respondent for the same alleged pollution (note that you need not include any complaints made to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or any unit of local government).

No identical or substantially similar cases have been brought to The Board which I am aware of. The case materials will be provided to the Illinois Attorney General's Office for additional prosecution.

 Describe the duration and frequency of the alleged pollution. Be as specific as you reasonably can about when you first noticed the alleged pollution, how frequently it occurs, and whether it is still continuing (include seasons of the year, dates, and times of day if known).

Photographed: 12/15/2022, 11:50a burying washout and doing a

secondary rinse on the playground

Photographed: 12/22/2022S, sediment and trackout accumulating

Photographed: 12/28/2022, Ozynga pouring concrete again

Ozynga has been named/reported in two formal complaints previous to filing. Ozynga was photographed in the summer washing out directly into a storm inlet and more recently directly on the ground. All three of these instances have occurred in Naperville



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 Describe any bad effects that you believe the alleged pollution has or has had on human health, on plant or animal life, on the environment, on the enjoyment of life or property, or on any lawful business or activity.

The negative environmental impacts of concrete washout are widely known and the reason for the regulations. Leaving this toxic material on the ground of an active elementary school playground with no regulatory signs, but with many no trespassing and security related signs is a direct threat to children

Ongoing overcrowding of this school from unchecked residential construction has led to the downfall in the quality of the neighborhood and the project which led to the pollution noted in this complaint. The school did a previous project on their parking lot and received an approved traffic flow plan for parents picking up their children.

Instead of following this plan, the school administration allowed every car to instead turn into my parents' court to turn around. There is clear signage indicating this is not allowed. And there was an official approved traffic plan. This continues to put infant and pet safety at risk on my parents' court as the school and DuPage sheriff have both refused to address the issue despite multiple interventions.

There is a sheriff deputy and school teacher at the point the cars begin who both watch the vehicles violate the approved traffic plan and teach kids breaking laws is OK. The sheriff has on multiple occasions argued with complainant, saying he doesn't have to enforce the law. This was after he tried saying the street signs were invalid.

The school teacher Mr. Miller has also been observed on multiple occasions standing on the opposite street corner form the school with his back to the crosswalk so he could talk to mothers who decided to stay after dropping their kids off. This area is about 20 ft from where the sheriff parks to provide "safety".

This has all occurred after the school district was notified by complainant of a teacher who molested female students for decades at a junior high this elementary school sends some of the students to. The lack of an ability to guarantee the safety and appropriate basic education of children continues.

8. Describe the relief that you seek from the Board.

- 1. Find that Respondent has violated their permit
- 2. Assess a maximum civil penalty
- An order stating plans for temporary concrete washout areas must be implemented as presented and approved unless documented otherwise with standards being found in the Illinois Urban Manual.
- 4. Immediate action taken against OZYNGA
- Voiding permits for the site until such time as the builder ceases to pollute the surrounding groundwater and surface water and Respondents demonstrate an ability to comply with the approved and known guidelines for concrete washout
- An order stating this Ozynga yard cannot pour any more concrete until demonstrating the ability to comply with environmental regulations for concrete washout
- 7. Any other relief the board finds appropriate
- Additional fines for false statements made by attorney's for respondents, and/or claims the photographic evidence provided by an subject matter expert who holds EPA storm-water lied and is frivolous.

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CERTIFICATION

I,	, on oath or affirmation, state that
I have read the foregoing and that it is accurate	
Complainant's Signature	
Subscribed to and sworn before me	
thisday	
of, 20	
Notary Public	
My Commission Expires:	

NOTICE OF FILING

Note to the Complainant: This Notice of Filing must accompany the Formal Complaint and the Documentation of Service. Once you have completed the Notice of Filing, the Formal Complaint, and the Documentation of Service, you must file these three documents with the Board's Clerk *and* serve a copy of each document on each respondent.

Please take notice that today I, <u>Paul Christian Pratapas</u>, filed with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board) a Formal Complaint, a copy of which is served on you along with this Notice of Filing. You may be required to attend a hearing on a date set by the Board.

Failure to file an answer to this complaint within 60 days may have severe consequences. Failure to answer will mean that all allegations in the complaint will be taken as if admitted for purposes of this proceeding. If you have any questions about this procedure, you should contact the hearing officer assigned to this proceeding, the Clerk's Office or an attorney. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(f).

Complainant's Signature

Street: 1330 E Chicago Ave.

City/State/Zip: Naperville, IL 60540

Date: /2, 29.2022

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INFORMATION FOR RESPONDENT RECEIVING FORMAL COMPLAINT

The following information has been prepared by the Board for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice or substitute for the provisions of any statute, rule, or regulation. Information about the Formal Complaint process before the Board is found in the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5) and the Board's procedural rules (35 III. Adm. Code 101, 103). These can be accessed on the Board's website (www.ipcb.state.il.us). The following is a summary of some of the most important points in the Act and the Board's procedural rules.

Board Accepting Formal Complaint for Hearing: Motions

The Board will not accept this Formal Complaint for hearing if the Board finds that it is either "duplicative" or "frivolous" within the meaning of Section 31(d)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(d) (1)) and Section 101.202 of the Board's procedural rules (35 III. Adm. Code 101.202 (definitions of the terms "duplicative" and "frivolous")). "Duplicative" means the complaint is identical or substantially similar to a case brought before the Board or another forum. See 35 III. Adm. Code 103.212(a) and item 10 of the Formal Complaint.

"Frivolous" means that the Formal Complaint seeks relief that the Board does not have the authority to grant or fails to state a cause of action upon which the Board can grant relief. For example, the Board has the authority to order a respondent to stop polluting and pay a civil penalty, to implement pollution abatement measures, or to perform a cleanup or reimburse cleanup costs. The Board does not have the authority, however, to award attorney fees to a citizen complainant. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.212(a) and items 5 through 9 of the Formal Complaint.

If you believe that this Formal Complaint is duplicative or frivolous, you may file a motion with the Board, within 30 days after the date you received the complaint, requesting that the Board not accept the complaint for hearing. The motion must state the facts supporting your belief that the complaint is duplicative or frivolous. Memoranda, affidavits, and any other relevant documents may accompany the motion. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.504, 103.212(b). If you need more than 30 days to file a motion alleging that the complaint is duplicative or frivolous, you must file a motion for an extension of time within 30 days after you received the complaint. A motion for an extension of time must state why you need more time and the amount of additional time you need. Timely filing a motion alleging that the Formal Complaint is duplicative or frivolous will stay the 60-day period for filing an Answer to the complaint. See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(e), 103.212(b); see also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.506 (generally, all motions to strike, dismiss, or challenge the sufficiency of any pleading must be filed within 30 days after service of the challenged document).

The party making a motion must "file" the motion with the Board's Clerk and "serve" a copy of the motion on each of the other parties to the proceeding. The Board's filing and service requirements are set forth in its procedural rules (35 III. Adm. Code 101.300, 101.302, 101.304), which are located on the Board's website (pcb.illinois.gov).

If you do not file a motion with the Board within 30 days after the date on which you received the Formal Complaint, the Board may find that the complaint is not duplicative or frivolous and accept the case for hearing without any input from you. The Board will then assign a hearing officer who will contact you to schedule times for holding telephone status conferences and a hearing. See 35 III. Adm. Code 103.212(a).

Answer to Complaint

You have the right to file an Answer to this Formal Complaint within 60 days after you receive the complaint. If you timely file a motion alleging that the complaint is duplicative or frivolous,

or a motion to strike, dismiss, or challenge the sufficiency of the complaint, then you may file an Answer within 60 days after the Board rules on your motion. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.506, 103.204(d), (e), 103.212(b).

Failing to file an Answer to the Formal Complaint within 60 days after you were served with the complaint may have severe consequences. Failure to timely file an Answer will mean that all allegations in the Formal Complaint will be taken as if you admitted them for purposes of this proceeding. If you have any questions about this procedure, you should contact the hearing officer assigned to this proceeding, the Clerk's Office, or an attorney. *See* 35 III. Adm. Code 103.204(f).

Necessity of an Attorney

Under Illinois law, an association, citizens group, unit of local government, or corporation must be represented before the Board by an attorney. In addition, an individual who is not an attorney cannot represent another individual or other individuals before the Board. However, even if an individual is not an attorney, he or she is allowed to represent (1) himself or herself as an individual or (2) his or her unincorporated sole proprietorship. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.400(a). Such an individual may nevertheless wish to have an attorney prepare an Answer and any motions or briefs and present a defense at hearing.

Costs

In defending against this Formal Complaint, you are responsible for your attorney fees, duplicating charges, travel expenses, witness fees, and any other costs that you or your attorney may incur. The Board requires no filing fee to file with the Board your Answer or any other document in the enforcement proceeding. The Board will pay its own hearing costs (e.g., hearing room rental, court reporting fees, hearing officer expenses).

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3461.

DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE

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This form for the Documentation of Service is designed for use by a non-attorney and must be notarized, *i.e.*, it is an "affidavit" of service. An attorney may modify the form for use as a "certificate" of service, which is not required to be notarized.

Affidavit of Service

I, the undersigned, on oath or affirmation, state that on the date shown below, I served copies of the attached Formal Complaint and Notice of Filing on the respondent at the address listed below by one of the following methods: [check only one—A, B, C, D, or E]
A U.S. Mail or third-party commercial carrier with the recipient's signature recorded by the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier upon delivery. Attached is the delivery confirmation from the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier containing the recipient's signature and showing the date of delivery as [month/date], 20 [Attach the signed delivery confirmation showing the date of delivery.]
B U.S. Mail or third-party commercial carrier with a recipient's signature recorded or to be recorded by the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier upon delivery. However, the delivery confirmation from the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier containing the recipient's signature is not available to me at this time. On [month/date], 20, by the time of: AM/PM, at [address where you]
provided the documents to the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier], copies of the attached Formal Complaint and Notice of Filing were provided to the U.S. Postal Service or the third-party commercial carrier, with the respondent's address appearing on the envelope or package containing these documents, and with proper postage or delivery charge prepaid. [Within seven days after it becomes available to you, file with the Board's Clerk the delivery confirmation—containing the recipient's signature and showing the date of delivery—and identify the Formal Complaint to which that delivery confirmation corresponds.]
C Personal service and I made the personal delivery on [month/date], 20, by the time of: AM/PM.

D Personal service and another person made the personal delivery. Attached is the affidavit of service signed by the other person (or the declaration of service signed by the process server) who made the personal delivery, showing the date of delivery as [month/date], 20 [Attach the other person's signed affidavit or declaration showing the date of delivery.]					
EX Personal service and I will make the personal delivery. However, the affidavit of service is not available to me currently. (Steeple Run Elementary and Ozynga Naperville Yard)					
RESPONDENTS' ADDRESS:					
Name: Street: City/State/Zip:	Steeple Run Elementary School 6S151 Steeple Run Dr Naperville, IL 60540				
Name:	Ozynga Concrete Naperville Yard #281				
Street: City/State/Zip:	515 Spring Avenue Naperville, IL 60525				
	Complainant's Signatu				
	Street.	1550 E. Cilicago Ave.			
	City, State, Zip Code:	Naperville, IL 60540			
	Date:	12.29.2022			
Subscribed to and sworn before me					
this 29^{+h} day		Official Seal Ana Herrera Campos			
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12/22/2022 Trackout on public road



12/22/2022 Receiving inlet relative to site

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12/22/2022 After Snow



12/28/2022



12/28/2022



presented to

Paul C. Pratapas

who has successfully completed EPA's Construction General Permit (CGP) Site Inspector Training Course and passed the final exam

Chris Kloss, Water Permits Division Director



Date Certified: 9/6/2022

Expiration Date: May 17, 2027

By completing this course and passing the final exam, Paul C. Pratapas has complied with the CGP Part 6.3.a training requirements for conducting construction inspections under the 2022 CGP.

