ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD February 16, 2023

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,))	
V.)	PCB 23-80
VILLAGE OF BROADWELL, an Illinois)	(Enforcement - Water)
municipal corporation,)	
Respondent.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by M. Currie):

On December 19, 2022, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a two-count complaint against the Village of Broadwell. The complaint concerns the Village of Broadwell's public water supply facility located between Prairie Street and Highway County 12 in Broadwell, Logan County. The parties now seek to settle without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the parties' stipulation and proposed settlement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2020)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board on behalf of the People to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2020); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that the Village of Broadwell violated Sections 12(a) and 12(f) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(a) and (f) (2020)) and Sections 305.102(b) and 309.102(a) of the Board's regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 305.102(b) and 309.102(a)) by failing to timely submit Discharge Monitoring Reports to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as required under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit, and by causing or allowing the discharge of contaminants in violation of the Board's regulations.

On December 19, 2022, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and the Village of Broadwell 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) (2020)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2020)), 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). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in *The Lincoln Courier* on January 10, 2023. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. The Board grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2020); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b).

Section 103.302 of the Board's procedural rules sets forth the required contents of stipulations and proposed settlements. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.302. These requirements include stipulating to facts on the nature, extent, and causes of the alleged violations and the nature of the Village of Broadwell's operations. Section 103.302 also requires that the parties stipulate to facts called for by Section 33(c) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2020)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. The Village of Broadwell admits the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2020)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Under the proposed settlement, the Village of Broadwell agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 within 30 days after the date of this order. The People and the Village of Broadwell have satisfied Section 103.302. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposed settlement.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. The Village of Broadwell must pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 no later than March 20, 2023, which is first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. The Village of Broadwell must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case name and case number must appear on the certified check or money order.
- 3. The Village of Broadwell must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services Division 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

The Village of Broadwell must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

Bridget I. Flynn Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau Illinois Attorney General's Office 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62701

4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2020)) at the rate

set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2020)).

5. The Village of Broadwell must cease and desist from further violations of the Act and Board Regulations that were the subject matter of the Complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41(a) of the Environmental Protection Act provides that final Board orders may be appealed directly to the Illinois Appellate Court within 35 days after the Board serves the order. 415 ILCS 5/41(a) (2020); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(d)(2), 101.906, 102.706. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 335 establishes filing requirements that apply when the Illinois Appellate Court, by statute, directly reviews administrative orders. 172 Ill. 2d R. 335. The Board's procedural rules provide that motions for the Board to reconsider or modify its final orders may be filed with the Board within 35 days after the order is received. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.520; *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.902, 102.700, 102.702. Filing a motion asking that the Board reconsider this final order is not a prerequisite to appealing the order. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.902.

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

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Don A. Brown, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board