

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
August 3, 2023

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
)	AC 23-15
GRANT GUTIERREZ d/b/a GRANT)	(IEPA No. 88-23-AC)
GUTIERREZ JUNK CAR REMOVAL,)	(Administrative Citation)
)	
Respondent.)	

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

On June 12, 2023, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA or Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against Grant Gutierrez doing business as Grant Gutierrez Junk Car Removal (Gutierrez). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.200(b)(3). The administrative citation concerns Gutierrez’s salvage yard located at 2908 265th Street N, Hillsdale, Rock Island County. The property is commonly known to IEPA as the “Grant Gutierrez” site and is designated with Site Code No. 1618170008. For the reasons below, the Board finds that Gutierrez violated the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2022)) and orders Gutierrez to pay \$4,500 in civil penalties.

Under the Act, an administrative citation is an expedited enforcement action brought before the Board seeking civil penalties that are fixed by statute. Administrative citations may be filed only by IEPA or, if IEPA has delegated the authority, by a unit of local government, and only for limited types of alleged violations. *See* 415 ILCS 5/21(o), 21(p), 22.51, 22.51a, 31.1(c), 42(b)(4), 42(b)(4-5), 55(k) (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.

In this case, IEPA alleges that on May 3, 2023, Gutierrez violated Sections 21(p)(1), 21(p)(3) and 21(p)(7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), 21(p)(3) and 21(p)(7) (2022)) by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in open burning and by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in the deposition of general construction or demolition debris, or clean construction or demolition debris. IEPA asks the Board to impose the statutory \$1,500 civil penalty per violation on Gutierrez, for a total civil penalty of \$4,500. As required, IEPA served Gutierrez with the administrative citation on June 19, 2023, which is within “60 days after the date of the observed violation.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2022); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(c), 108.200(b)(1).

To contest an administrative citation, a respondent must file a petition with the Board no later than 35 days after being served with the administrative citation. If the respondent fails to do so, the Board must find that the respondent committed the violations alleged and impose the

corresponding civil penalty. *See* 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due by July 24, 2023. Gutierrez failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that Gutierrez violated Sections 21(p)(1), 21(p)(3) and 21(p)(7) of the Act.

The civil penalty for violating any provision of Section 21(p), 22.51, 22.51a, or 55(k) is \$1,500 for each violation, except that the penalty amount is \$3,000 for each violation that is the person's second or subsequent adjudicated violation of that provision. *See* 415 ILCS 5/42(b) (4-5) (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there are three violations of Section 21(p) and no indication in the record that any of these is a second or subsequent adjudicated violation, the total civil penalty is \$4,500. Under Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, the Board attaches the administrative citation and makes it part of the order below.

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

ORDER

1. The Board finds that Gutierrez violated Sections 21(p)(1), 21(p)(3) and 21(p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), 21(p)(3) and 21(p)(7) (2022)).
2. Gutierrez must pay a civil penalty of \$4,500 no later than September 4, 2023, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Gutierrez must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number and case name must appear on the certified check or money order.
3. Gutierrez must send the certified check or money order to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2022)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2022)).
5. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violations continues.

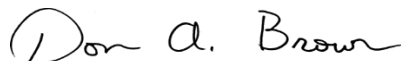
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Member M. D. Mankowski abstained.

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) (2022); *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 August 3, 2023, by a vote of 3-0.



Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board