ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD May 16, 2024

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,)	
V.)	PCB 24-30 (Enforcement - Air)
AUTOTROL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,)	(Emoreement - Air)
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Van Wie):

On November 3, 2023, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a two-count complaint against Autotrol Corporation (Autotrol). The complaint concerns Autotrol's manufacturing facility located at 365 East Prairie Street in Crystal Lake, McHenry County. 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 (2022)), 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 (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Autotrol violated Section 9(a) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022), Section 201.302(a) of the Board's air rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302) and Section 254.132(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a)) by failing to timely submit complete and accurate Annual Emissions Reports (AERs) for calendar years 2021 and 2022.

On May 13, 2024, the People and Autotrol 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) (2022)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2022)), 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, Autotrol admits the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$500.

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 demand for hearing within 21 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) (2022); 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 May 16, 2024, by a vote of 4-0.

Don A. Brown, Clerk

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