

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

July 24, 2025

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 25-65
)	(Enforcement – Water, NPDES)
A.S.C. RECYCLING, INC. d/b/a AUTO)	
SALVAGE CO., an Illinois corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by A. Tin):

On June 9, 2025, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a two-count complaint against A.S.C. Recycling, Inc., doing business as “Auto Salvage Co.” (A.S.C.). The complaint concerns A.S.C.’s automobile salvage facility at 21 W. U.S. Hwy 6 in Peru Township, La Salle 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 (2024)), 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 (2024); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that A.S.C. violated Section 12(f) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(f) (2024)) and Section 309.102(a) of the Board’s water pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.102(a)) by engaging in industrial activities for at least 16 months without first obtaining coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Stormwater Permit for Industrial Activities. The People further allege that A.S.C. violated Section 12(a) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2024)) by threatening to discharge contaminants into the environment so as to cause or tend to cause water pollution.

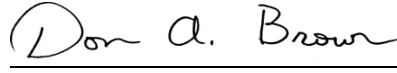
On July 11, 2025, the People and A.S.C. filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2024)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2024)), which 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, A.S.C. does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$15,000.

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 comment or demand for hearing within 30 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) (2024); 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 July 24, 2025, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board