

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY,

Complainant,

V.

DENNIS JOHANNES,

Respondent.

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AC 2026-

(IEPA No. 200-25-AC)

NOTICE OF FILING

To: Dennis Johannes
601 East Green Street Road
Centralia, IL 62801

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I electronically filed with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois the following instrument(s) entitled ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION, AFFIDAVIT, and OPEN DUMP INSPECTION CHECKLIST.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Kiper
e-signature valid for IPCB e-filings ONLY

Michelle M. Ryan
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Dated: January 12, 2026

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ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
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Complainant,)	AC 2026-
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v.)	(IEPA No. 200-25-AC)
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DENNIS JOHANNES,)	
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Respondent.)	

JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by Section 31.1 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2024).

FACTS

1. That Dennis Johannes (“Respondent”) is the present owner of a facility located at 601 East Green Street Road, in Centralia, Marion County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Centralia/Dennis Johannes.
2. That said facility is an open dump operating without an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit and is designated with Site Code No. 1218025005.
3. That Respondent has owned said facility at all times pertinent hereto.
4. That on November 26, 2025, Jeffery Webster of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s Collinsville Regional Office inspected the above-described facility. A copy of his inspection report setting forth the results of said inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

5. That on January 12, 2026, Illinois EPA sent this Administrative Citation to Dennis Johannes via Certified Mail No. 7015 0640 0005 6905 8002.

VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Jeffery Webster during the course of his November 26, 2025 inspection of the above-named facility, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Respondent has violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (hereinafter, the “Act”) as follows:

- (1) That Respondent caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, a violation of Section 21(p)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2024).
- (2) That Respondent caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris or clean construction or demolition debris, a violation of Section 21(p)(7) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7) (2024).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2024), Respondent is subject to a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for each of the violations identified above, for a total of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). If Respondent elects not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the statutory civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than February 27, 2026 unless otherwise provided by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

If Respondent elects to contest this Administrative Citation by petitioning the Illinois Pollution Control Board in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2024), and if the Illinois Pollution Control Board issues a finding of violation as alleged herein, after an adjudicatory hearing, Respondent shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Those hearing costs shall be assessed in addition to the One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$1,500.00) statutory civil penalty for each violation.

Pursuant to Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2024), if Respondent fails to petition or elects not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service, the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall adopt a final order, which shall include this Administrative Citation and findings of violation as alleged herein, and shall impose the statutory civil penalty specified above.

When payment is made, Respondent's check shall be made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and mailed to the attention of Fiscal Services, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 2520 West Iles Avenue, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Along with payment, Respondent shall complete and return the enclosed Remittance Form to ensure proper documentation of payment.

If any civil penalty and/or hearing costs are not paid within the time prescribed by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, interest on said penalty and/or hearing costs shall be assessed against the Respondent from the date payment is due up to and including the date that payment is received. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General may be requested to initiate proceedings against Respondent in Circuit Court to collect said penalty and/or hearing costs, plus any interest accrued.

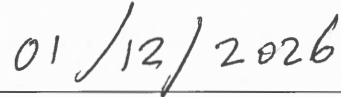
PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Respondent has the right to contest this Administrative Citation pursuant to and in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31/1 (2024). If Respondent elects to contest this Administrative Citation, then Respondent shall file a signed Petition for Review, including a Notice of Filing, Certificate of Service, and Notice of Appearance, with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, State of Illinois Center, 60 E. Van Buren Street, Suite 630, Chicago, Illinois 60605. A copy of said Petition for Review shall be filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Legal Counsel at 2520 West Iles Avenue, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Section 31.1 of the Act provides that any Petition for Review shall be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation or the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall enter a default judgment against the Respondent.



Andrew Armstrong, Chief Legal Counsel
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date:



Prepared by:

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REMITTANCE FORM

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FACILITY: Centralia/Johannes

SITE CODE NO.: 1218025005

COUNTY: Marion

CIVIL PENALTY: \$3,000.00

DATE OF INSPECTION: November 26, 2025

DATE REMITTED:

SIGNATURE:

NOTE

Please enter the date of your remittance and sign this Remittance Form. Be sure your check is enclosed and mail, along with Remittance Form, to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Attn.: Fiscal Services, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Bureau of Land – Field Operations Section

Inspection Report***General Facility Information***

BOL ID	1218025005	Evaluation Date	11/26/2025
U.S. EPA ID		Region	Collinsville
Site Name	Dennis Johannes	County	Marion
Address	601 East Green Street Road	Phone	618-322-9261
City/State/Zip	Centralia, IL 62801	EJ Status	Low Income
Limited English	No	Primary Language	English

Observations

Time	1141-1202 Hours
Weather Conditions	Partly cloudy, wet
Temperature	42° Fahrenheit
Photos Taken	Yes (4)
Amount of Waste	20 Cubic Yards
Complaint ID	9430
IEMA Incident Number	IL-2025-0838

Evaluation Type

Solid Waste Program - Open Dump Inspection

Owner

Dennis Johannes
601 East Green Street Road
Centralia, IL 62801

Operator

Dennis Johannes
601 East Green Street Road
Centralia, IL 62801

Inspection Participants

<u>Person</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Jeffery Webster	Illinois EPA FOS Primary Inspector	618-346-5154

Persons Interviewed

<u>Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
Braden Johannes	618-322-9261	

Executive Summary

On November 26, 2025, I (Jeffery Webster) responded to citizen complaint 9430. The complaint alleged that Dennis Johannes had been dumping truckloads of insulation into a creek bed. Apparent open dumping violations were observed at the time of the inspection.

Evaluation Narrative

November 26, 2025 Inspection

Upon arrival, I inspected the wooded lot behind a workshop about 30 yards away from an unnamed tributary. It appears that the property is landlocked with an easement for access.

At the time of the inspection, I observed about 20 cubic yards of general construction or demolition debris in front of a pile of landscape waste (Photos 1-2). Specifically, the general construction or demolition debris consisted of dimensional lumber, a toilet, insulation, vent covers, cardboard, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping, and other miscellaneous waste. I also observed a pickup truck parked next to the debris pile with Johannes Petroleum, Inc. signage on the door of the truck (Photo 3).

The Marion County Geographical Information System (GIS) states that the owner of parcel number 14-08-000-078 is Dennis Johannes who lives at 601 Green Street Road, Centralia, Illinois. After the inspection, I proceeded to 601 East Green Street Road. When there was no answer, I placed my business card in the door before leaving.

Additional Information

On April 12, 2000, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) investigated citizen complaint C-2000-058 regarding apparent open dumping by Dennis Johannes at 601 Green Street Road, Centralia, Illinois. During the inspection, open dumping and open burning was observed by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency field staff. A pile of concrete was also observed at the site.

On May 30, 2000, Violation Notice L-2000-01160 was issued to Mr. Johannes for apparent open dumping and open burning of demolition debris.

On October 17, 2024, an inspection was conducted in response to citizen complaints 7890 and 8154. The complaints alleged that HD Oilfield Services on Green Street in Centralia, Illinois was open dumping oil and saltwater from their wells. During the inspection, open dumping and open burning was observed by the Illinois EPA Field Staff.

According to the inspection findings and the Marion County GIS Parcel Map Viewer, it appeared that apparent open dumping and open burning violations were observed on two different parcels. The primary parcel, where HD Oilfield Services is located, was parcel number 14-03-400-021 located at 1526 Green Street Road, Centralia, Illinois. The second adjacent parcel, parcel number 14-03-400-018, is owned by Dennis Johannes doing business as Midwest Enterprises.

On February 25, 2025, Mr. Johannes was issued Violation Notice VN L-2025-00051 for apparent open dumping and open burning at parcel number 14-03-400-018.

On December 17, 2025, I received a photo from Braden Johannes, the son of Dennis Johannes. The photo shows the open dumped waste at parcel number 14-08-000-078 that was observed during the November 26, 2025, inspection had been cleaned up (Photo 4). I have requested receipts that show the proper disposal of the open dumped waste, but I have not received them.

Summary of Apparent Violations

Status	Date	Violation	Narrative
New	11/26/2025	21(a)	Cause or allow open dumping
New	11/26/2025	21(d)(1)	Conduct a waste storage, treatment, or disposal operation without a permit or in violation of a permit
New	11/26/2025	21(e)	Dispose, treat, store, abandon any waste, or transport any waste into Illinois at or to sites not meeting requirements of the Act
New	11/26/2025	21(p)(1)	Cause or allow open dumping of any waste in a manner which results in litter
New	11/26/2025	21(p)(7)	Cause or allow open dumping of any waste in a manner which results in deposition of general or clean construction or demolition debris

Site Diagram



Digital Photographs



Bureau Id: 1218025005
Photo No.: 1
Photo Date: 11/26/2025
Photo Time: 11:51:40 AM
Direction: S
Taken By: Jeffery Webster

Open dumped general construction or
demolition debris next to wooded lot



Bureau Id: 1218025005
Photo No.: 2
Photo Date: 11/26/2025
Photo Time: 11:53:07 AM
Direction: S
Taken By: Jeffery Webster

Close-up of open dumped general
construction or demolition debris



Bureau Id: 1218025005

Photo No.: 3

Photo Date: 11/26/2025

Photo Time: 11:51:14 AM

Direction: W

Taken By: Jeffery Webster

Truck with Johannes Petroleum Inc. logo

Bureau Id: 1218025005

Photo No.: 4

Photo Date: 12/17/2025

Photo Time: 12:21:04 PM

Direction: W

Taken By: Braden Johannes

Photo taken by Braden Johannes of the
area after clean-up





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JB Pritzker, Governor

James Jennings, Acting Director

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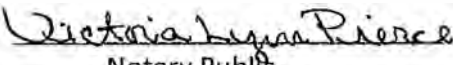
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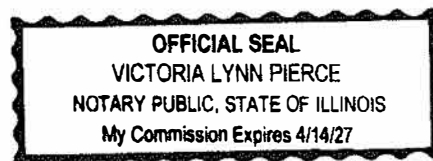
Affiant, Jeffery Webster, being first duly sworn, voluntarily deposes and states as follows:

1. Affiant is a field inspector employed by the Bureau of Land of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and has been so employed at all times pertinent hereto.
2. On November 26, 2025, between 1141 hours and 1202 hours, Affiant conducted an inspection of the site in Marion County, Illinois, known as Dennis Johannes, located at parcel 14-08-000-078, Centralia, IL 62801, and designated Bureau of Land Site # 1218025005.
3. Affiant inspected said site by an on-site inspection, which included walking the site.
4. As a result of the activities referred to in Paragraph 3 above, Affiant completed the Inspection Report attached hereto and made a part hereof, which, to the best of Affiant's knowledge and belief, is an accurate representation of Affiant's observations and factual conclusions with respect to the site.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 30th day of December, 2025


Jeffery Webster


Notary Public



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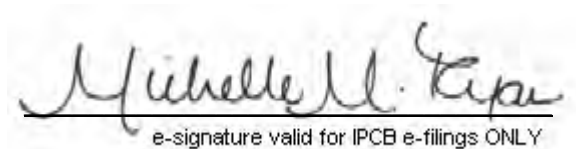
PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did on the 12th day of January 2026, serve with postage thereon prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office box a true and correct copy of the following instrument(s) entitled ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION, AFFIDAVIT, and OPEN DUMP INSPECTION CHECKLIST

To: Dennis Johannes
601 East Green Street Road
Centralia, IL 62801

and the original via electronic filing on January 12, 2026

To: Don Brown, Clerk
Pollution Control Board
60 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 630
Chicago, IL 60605



e-signature valid for IPCB e-filings ONLY

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