ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD October 4, 2001

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ORDER OF THE BOARD (by N.J. Melas):

On September 7, 2001, the People of the State of Illinois filed a four-count complaint against respondent Meridian Development Corporation (Meridian). The complaint alleges that Meridian operated without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, violated water quality standards, created a water pollution hazard, and violated NPDES permit conditions at a construction site in Beach Park, Lake County, Illinois. These activities were in alleged violation of Sections 12(a), 12(d), and 12(f) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/12(a), 12(d), and 12(f) (2000)), Sections 302.203 and 309.102(a) of the Board's regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203 and 309.102(a)), and Sections IV.D.2.c.i and IV.D.4.d of Meridian's NPDES permit.

The Board directs that this matter proceed to hearing as expeditiously as practicable. The assigned hearing officer must set the matter for hearing in accordance with the requirements of the Act and the Board's procedural rules. It is the responsibility of the hearing officer to guide the parties toward prompt resolution or adjudication of this matter, through whatever status calls and hearing officer orders he determines are necessary and appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on October 4, 2001, by a vote of 7-0.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board

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