

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
December 1, 1994

PEOPLE OF THE STATE)	
OF ILLINOIS,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 94-221
)	(Enforcement)
HARPER OIL COMPANY,)	
an Illinois Corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C.A. Manning):

This matter comes before the Board upon a one-count complaint filed August 12, 1994, by Roland W. Burris, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on behalf of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) and the People of the State of Illinois, against Harper Oil Company (Harper), an Illinois Corporation located at 1101 Banker Street, in the City of Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois. The complaint alleges that Harper has violated 35 Ill. Adm. Code § 731.163(b) for failure to properly notify the Agency of a release from a underground storage tank system.

Pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/31(a)(1), the parties filed a joint Motion requesting relief from the Act's hearing requirement on October 14, 1994. The Board published a Notice of the waiver on October 21, 1994; no objection to grant of the waiver was received. Waiver of hearing is hereby granted.

The parties filed a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement on October 14, 1994. The Stipulation sets forth facts relating to the nature, operations and circumstances surrounding the claimed violations. Harper neither admits nor denies the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00).

The Board finds the settlement agreement acceptable under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.180. This settlement agreement in no way affects respondent's responsibility to comply with any federal, state or local regulations, including but not limited to the Act and the Board's pollution control regulations.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law in this matter.

ORDER

- 1) The Board hereby accepts the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement executed by the People of the State of Illinois and Harper, concerning its facility located in 1101 Banker Street, in the City of Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2) The Harper, shall pay the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) within 30 days of the date of this Order. Such payment shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, designated to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, and shall be sent by First Class mail to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
2200 Churchill Road
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

A copy of the payment transmittal and check shall be simultaneously submitted to:

Environmental Control Division
Illinois Attorney General's Office
500 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62706

The certified check or money order shall clearly indicate on its face, the Harper's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number and that payment is directed to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund.

Any such penalty not paid within the time prescribed shall incur interest at the rate set forth in subsection (a) of Section 1003 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, (35 ILCS 5/1003), as now or hereafter amended, from the date payment is due until the date payment is received. Interest shall not accrue during the pendency of an appeal during which payment of the penalty has been stayed.

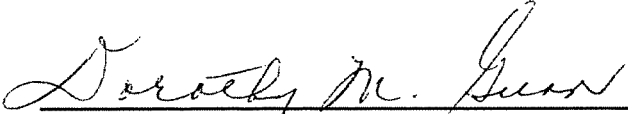
- 3) Harper shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Board Member J. Theodore Meyer concurred.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/41) provides for the appeal of final Board orders within 35 days of the date of service of this order. (See also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.246, Motion for Reconsideration.)

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above opinion and order was adopted on the 1st day of December, 1994, by a vote of 7-0.


Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board