ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD January 20, 1994

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Complainant,)
v .)) PCB 93-85) (Enforcement)
LIQUID AIR CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation,)
Respondent.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by M. Nardulli):

This matter comes before the Board upon a complaint filed May 10, 1993 on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, by and through its attorney, Roland W. Burris, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, against Liquid Air Corporation, located in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The complaint alleges that Liquid Air has violated 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.143 of the Board's regulations and Sections 9(a) and 9(b) of the Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/9(a) and 5/9(b) (1992).

Pursuant to Section 31(a)(1) of the Act, a joint Motion requesting relief from the Act's hearing requirement was filed by the parties on December 13, 1993. Notice of the waiver was published by the Board on December 17, 1993; no objection to grant of the waiver was received. Waiver of hearing is granted by the Board via today's opinion and order.

A Stipulation and Settlement Agreement was filed by the parties on December 13, 1993. The Stipulation sets forth facts pertaining to the nature, operations, and circumstances surrounding the claimed violation. Liquid Air Corporation, does not admit to violations of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.143 and Sections 9(a) and 9(b) of the Act, and agrees to pay a civil penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). Liquid Air Corporation further agrees to cease and desist from violations of the Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

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 Liquid Air Corporation, concerning violations 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.143 and Section 9(a) and 9(b) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) and 5/12(f)(1992), by Liquid Air Corporation, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2) Liquid Air Corporation, shall pay the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) within 30 days of the date of this order. Such payment must 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 must 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

Liquid Air Corporation shall also write its Federal Employer's Identification Number or Social Security Number on the certified check or money order.

Any such penalty not paid within the time prescribed shall incur interest at the rate set forth in subsection (a) of Section 5/1003 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, (35 ILCS 5/1003 (1992).), 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) Liquid Air Corporation shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/41 (1992)) provides for appeal of final orders of the Board within 35 days. The rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois establish filing requirements.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board

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