ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD August 5, 1993

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)))
Complainant,)
v.) PCB 93-117) (Enforcement)
T.J. HARKINS BASIC COMMODITY, BROKERS, INC.,))
an Illinois Corporation,)
Respondent.)

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

This matter comes before the Board upon a complaint filed June 17, 1993 on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois ("People"), by and through its attorney, Roland W. Burris, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, against T.J. Harkin Basic Commodity Brokers, Inc., an Illinois state Corporation located in Addison, DuPage County, Illinois. The complaint alleges that T.J. Harkins Basic Commodity Brokers, Inc. has violated Section 9(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/9(a), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.143 of the Board's rules.

Pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/31(a)(1), a joint Motion requesting relief from the Act's hearing requirement was filed by the parties on June 17, 1993. Notice of the waiver was published by the Board on July 7, 1993; no objection to grant of the waiver was received. Waiver of hearing is hereby granted.

A Stipulation and Settlement Agreement was filed by the parties on June 17, 1993. The Stipulation sets forth facts relating to the nature, operations and circumstances surrounding the claimed violations. T.J. Harkins Basic Commodity Brokers, Inc. admits the alleged violations. T.J. Harkins Basic Commodity Brokers, Inc. 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.

<u>ORDER</u>

- The Board hereby accepts the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement executed by the People of the State of Illinois and T.J. Harkins Basic Commodity Brokers, Inc., concerning its operations located in Addison, DuPage County, Illinois. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2) T.J. Harkins Basic Commodity Brokers, Inc. 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 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

T.J. Harkins Basic Commodity Brokers, Inc. shall also write its Federal Employer 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 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) T.J. Harkins Basic Commodity Brokers, Inc. shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/41) provides for the appeal of final Board orders within 35 days. The Rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois establish filing requirements. (See also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.246, Motion for Reconsideration.)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

J. Theodore Meyer dissented.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above opinion and order was adopted on the 5π day of 6π , 1993, by a vote of 5-/.

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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board