

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

June 20, 2002

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) PCB 99-192
) (Enforcement - Air)
GULCO CORPORATION, a Delaware)
corporation a/k/a GUTMANN LEATHER)
COMPANY, INC.,)

Respondent.

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by R.C. Flemal):

On June 30, 1999, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a complaint against Gulco Corporation (Gulco). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2000); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204. The People allege that Gulco violated Sections 9(a), 9(b), 39.5(6)(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/9(a), (b), 415 ILCS 5/39.5(6)(b)), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.141, 201.142, 201.143, 205.310(a), and 218.926 of the Board's air pollution regulations.¹ The People further allege that Gulco violated these provisions by failing to obtain a construction and operating permit, causing air pollution, operating without a Clean Air Act Permit, and failing to submit a timely earned reduction management system application. The complaint concerns Gulco's leather manufacturing facility at 1503-21 Webster Avenue, Chicago, Cook County.

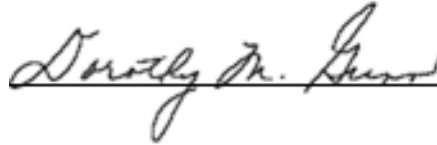
On June 11, 2002, the People and Gulco filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2000)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2000)). *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). Under the proposed stipulation, Gulco admits the violations regarding Sections 9(b) and 39.5(6)(b) of the Act, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.142, 201.143, and 205.310(a) and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$15,000.

Unless the Board determines that a hearing is needed, the Board must cause notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. Any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If anyone timely files a written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the parties' request for relief and hold a hearing. 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2000); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b), (c). The Board directs the Clerk of the Board to provide the required notice.

¹ The Board notes that a violation of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 270.201(c) of the Environmental Protection Agency rules was also alleged.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on June 20, 2002, by a vote of 7-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dorothy M. Gunn", written over a horizontal line.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board