ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD July 24, 1997

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Complainant,))
V.)
)
ALLSTEEL, INC.,)
Respondent.)

PCB 97-10 (Enforcement - RCRA)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Theodore Meyer):

This matter is before the Board on a 14-count complaint filed July 11, 1996, by the Illinois Attorney General on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (complainant) against Allsteel, Inc. (Allsteel), an Illinois corporation and steel furniture manufacturer located at Allsteel Drive, Aurora, Kane County, Illinois. The complaint alleged that Allsteel violated Sections 21(f)(1) and 21(f)(2) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) by operating a hazardous waste storage facility without a permit; failure to develop and follow a waste analysis plan; failure to implement and maintain a contingency plan; failure to submit the contingency plan to local authorities; failure to install and provide access to internal communications or alarm system; failure to adequately make a hazardous waste determination; failure to make arrangements with local authorities; and, failure to maintain notices of land disposal. 415 ILCS 5/21(f)(1) and (f)(2) (1996).

On June 25, 1997 the parties filed a joint stipulation and settlement agreement whereby Allsteel neither admitted nor denied the violations but agreed to pay a penalty of \$27,500. Pursuant to Section 31 of the Act, the parties also requested relief from the hearing requirement in this matter. 415 ILCS 5/31 (1996). On June 27, 1997, pursuant to Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (1996), the Board published notice in the Aurora <u>Beacon-News</u> of the proposed stipulation and settlement agreement which included the statement that any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice.

On July 18, 1997, the Board received a timely filed letter of objection. The parties' waiver of hearing is denied. A hearing officer will contact the objector and the parties to schedule a hearing date.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the 24^{th} day of July 1997, by a vote of 4-0.

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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board