

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
November 18, 2004

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
Complainant,) AC 05-30
) (IEPA No. 465-04-AC)
v.) (Administrative Citation)
)
DOUG and THERESA CHRISTISON,)
)
Respondents.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.P. Novak):

On October 8, 2004, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against Doug and Theresa Christison (the Christisons). See 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The Agency alleged that on September 1, 2004, the Christisons violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2002)). The Agency further alleges that the Christisons violated this provision by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner that resulted in litter at lots 12 and 13 of the Assessors Subdivision of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 6 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the City of Barry, Pike County.

As required, the Agency served the administrative citation on the Christisons within “60 days after the date of the observed violation.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2002); see also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(b). To contest an administrative citation, a respondent must file a petition with the Board no later than 35 days after being served with the administrative citation. If the respondent fails to do so, the Board must find that the respondent committed the violation alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty. 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any inspection for review was due on November 11, 2004. The Christisons failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that the Christisons violated Section 21(p) of the Act.

The civil penalty for violating Section 21(p) is \$1,500 for a first offense and \$3,000 for a second or subsequent offense. 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there is one violation of Section 21(p) and this violation is a first offense, the total civil penalty is \$1,500. Under Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, the Board attaches the administrative citation and makes it part of the order below.

This opinion constitutes the Board’s finding of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

1. The Christisons must pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 no later than December 20, 2004, which is the first business day after the 30th day after the date of this order.
2. The Christisons must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and the Christisons' social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. The Christisons must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

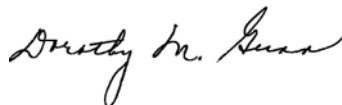
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2002)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2002)).
5. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violation continues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41(a) of the Environmental Protection Act provides that final Board orders may be appealed directly to the Illinois Appellate Court within 35 days after the Board serves the order. 415 ILCS 5/41(a) (2002); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(d)(2), 101.906, 102.706. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 335 establishes filing requirements that apply when the Illinois Appellate Court, by statute, directly reviews administrative orders. 172 Ill. 2d R. 335. The Board's procedural rules provide that motions for the Board to reconsider or modify its final orders may be filed with the Board within 35 days after the order is received. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.520; *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.902, 102.700, 102.702.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on November 18, 2004, by a vote of 5-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board