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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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v.)
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REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC.,)
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Respondent.)

PCB No. 03-182
(Enforcement – Air, Water)

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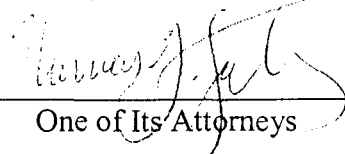
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Respectfully submitted,

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NOW COMES Respondent REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC. ("Reilly"), by its attorneys HODGE DWYER ZEMAN, and for its Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Complainant's Second Supplemental Complaint, states as follows:

ANSWER

COUNT I

1. Reilly has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegation of paragraph 1 that "[t]his Complaint is brought by the Attorney General on her own motion and at the request of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency," and therefore denies this allegation. The allegation of paragraph 1 that the Complaint is brought "pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 31 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act" states a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that Paragraph 1 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.
2. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 2.
3. The allegation of paragraph 3 that "[t]he Complaint is brought pursuant to Section 31 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31 (2002)" states a legal conclusion to which no

response is required. Reilly admits the allegation of paragraph 3 that the Illinois EPA did provide Reilly “with notice and opportunity for a meeting with the Illinois EPA.” To the extent that paragraph 3 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

4. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 4.

5. Reilly has insufficient knowledge as to what Complainant means by the phrase “all times relevant to this Complaint,” and therefore can neither admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 5 to the extent that they are so qualified. Reilly admits that it currently owns and operates, and on the specific dates referenced in the Complaint owned and operated, “a coal tar distillation process” at the address alleged. To the extent that paragraph 5 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

6. Reilly admits the allegation of paragraph 6 that the facility distills coal tars into light oils and pitches in six batch-type stills. Reilly denies that the facility distills creosotes, but affirmatively states that the facility blends creosote. Reilly denies that a seventh still at the facility is used as a continuous unit for coal tar distillation. Reilly affirmatively states that the seventh still is used as a continuous unit for coal tar oil distillation. Reilly admits that the six batch-type stills normally are operated in a 20-hour cycle. Reilly admits that, as to these six stills, “[a]fter [each] still is filled with coal tar, natural gas burners are ignited.” Reilly admits that as the temperature of the tar increases, some of its constituents are vaporized. Reilly admits that “[t]he vapor line is indirectly cooled with water forming condensed liquid,” and that “[c]ondensed liquid from the vapor lines are [sic] drained into receiving pans that hold the various products.” Reilly admits that “[l]iquids are pumped from the receiving pans into the appropriate

tanks.” Reilly admits that emission units at the facility include seven receiving pans that are controlled by a scrubber. Reilly affirmatively states that emission units at the facility include seven receiving pans that are also controlled by a flare. To the extent that Paragraph 6 makes any other allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

7. Reilly admits that construction permit number 99040035 was issued on March 23, 2000. With regard to Complainant’s allegations regarding the terms of the construction permit, Reilly states that the construction permit speaks for itself. To the extent that paragraph 7 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

8. Reilly admits that the construction permit was revised on March 2, 2001. Reilly admits that the March 2, 2001 permit revision and extension was issued due to an increase in production. To the extent that paragraph 8 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

9. The requirements of the construction permit speak for themselves. Reilly admits that it planned to conduct a stack test on the scrubber. Reilly admits that a test protocol was submitted to Illinois EPA on March 27, 2001. Reilly admits that a scrubber test was conducted on April 3, 2001. Reilly admits that Illinois EPA representatives were present at the facility on April 3, 2001. Reilly has insufficient knowledge to admit or deny what Illinois EPA representatives witnessed on April 3, 2001, and therefore denies the same. To the extent that paragraph 9 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

10. Reilly admits that test results were submitted to the Illinois EPA on July 26, 2001. The remaining allegations of paragraph 10 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 10 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

11. Reilly admits that additional scrubber tests were scheduled for August 15, 2001. Reilly admits that Illinois EPA representatives were present on August 15, 2001. Reilly admits that the August 15, 2001, test was aborted due to a loss of cooling water in the scrubber. Reilly admits that data from the August 15, 2001, test was submitted to Illinois EPA on October 17, 2001. Reilly admits the allegations in the final sentence of paragraph 11. To the extent that paragraph 11 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

12. In response to Complainant's allegations regarding the terms of the construction permit, Reilly states that the construction permit speaks for itself. Reilly admits that it continues to operate the stills and the scrubber. To the extent that paragraph 12 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

13. Reilly admits that a scrubber test was conducted on May 21, 2002 and that final results of the test were submitted to Illinois EPA on August 28, 2002. Reilly admits that the May 21, 2002 test was aborted when the flow regulator controlling the water temperature for the heat exchanger on the scrubber failed. To the extent that paragraph 13 makes any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

14. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 14 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 14 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

15. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 15 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 15 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

16. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 16 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 16 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

17. The regulation quoted in paragraph 17 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 17 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

18. The allegations of paragraph 18 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 18 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

19. The data from the April 3, 2001, stack test speak for themselves. Reilly denies the characterization of the stack test data set forth in paragraph 19. Reilly affirmatively states that during the April 3, 2001, test, the scrubber achieved greater than 90% removal efficiency in the initial and final stages of the batch and that approximately 89% overall VOM reduction efficiency was achieved over the entire batch cycle.

20. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 20. Reilly affirmatively states that the August 15, 2001, test was aborted due to loss of cooling water in the scrubber,

and that prior to the cooling water loss, the scrubber achieved greater than 90% VOM reduction efficiency.

21. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 21. Reilly affirmatively states that the test was aborted prior to completion. Reilly further affirmatively states that the scrubber achieves greater than 90% removal efficiency in the initial and final stages of a batch and, therefore, aborting a test prior to completion results in overall efficiency results that are lower than what would be achieved if the test were allowed to continue through completion of a batch.

22. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 22.

23. The allegations of paragraph 23 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 23 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

24. The allegations of paragraph 24 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 24 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT II

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT VIOLATIONS

1-23. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 23 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 23 of Count II.

24. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 24 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 24 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

25. The permit condition quoted in paragraph 25 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 25 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

26. The allegations of paragraph 26 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 26 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

27. The allegations of paragraph 27 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 27 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT III

OPERATING PERMIT VIOLATIONS

1-18. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 18 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 18 of Count III.

19. The regulation quoted in paragraph 19 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 19 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

20. The allegations of paragraph 20 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 20 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

21. The allegations of paragraph 21 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 21 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT IV

WASTE MANAGEMENT STANDARD VIOLATIONS

1-5. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count IV.

6. Reilly admits that “[i]n January 1996, Reilly ceased production of coal tar products and creosote” at the facility. Reilly admits the allegations of the second, fourth, and fifth sentences of paragraph 6. In response to the third sentence of paragraph 6, Reilly admits that startup of the facility occurred in September 1999. In response to the sixth sentence of paragraph 6, Reilly admits that crude coal tar is distilled in six batch stills. Reilly admits the allegation of the seventh sentence of paragraph 6 that “[t]he cuts off of these stills are water, light oil, heavy oil, creosote and final products.” In response to the eighth sentence in paragraph 6, Reilly admits that the final products of distillation at the facility include 110°C, 60°C, and 85°C softening point pitches, and emulsion-based tar (RT-12). To the extent that paragraph 6 states any further allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

7. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 7.

8. Reilly denies the first sentence of paragraph 8, and affirmatively states that at one time, it operated a surface impoundment for wastewater from the production of creosote. Reilly admits the remaining allegations of paragraph 8.

9. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 9 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 9 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

10. Reilly admits the allegations of the first, second, and fourth sentences of paragraph 10. Reilly denies the allegations of the third sentence of paragraph 10, and affirmatively states that, over the course of 17 days, approximately five gallons of material leaked from the roll-off box in question.

11. Reilly admits the allegations of the first sentence of paragraph 11. Reilly denies the allegation of the second sentence of paragraph 11 that "Reilly exceeded the ten-pound reportable quantity for benzene (D018)." Reilly admits that it reported the release to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency ("IEMA") on September 8, 2000. To the extent that paragraph 11 makes any further factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

12. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 12.

13. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 13.

14. The allegations of paragraph 14 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 14 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT V

RCRA PERMIT VIOLATIONS

1-5. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count V.

6-13. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 13 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 6-13 of Count V.

14. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 14 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 14 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

15. The regulation quoted in paragraph 15 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 15 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

16. The regulation quoted in paragraph 16 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 16 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

17. The regulation quoted in paragraph 17 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 17 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

18. The regulation quoted in paragraph 18 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 18 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

19. The regulation quoted in paragraph 19 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 19 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

20. The regulation quoted in paragraph 20 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 20 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

21. Reilly denies the allegations of paragraph 21.

22. The allegations of paragraph 22 state legal conclusions that do not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 22 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same. Reilly further specifically denies that it “land disposed” of any material at the facility, as alleged.

COUNT VI

PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION VIOLATIONS

1-5. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count VI.

6-13. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 13 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 6-13 of Count VI.

14-15. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 14 and 17 of Count V as its answers to paragraphs 14 and 15 of Count VI.

16. Reilly admits that an unplanned release of approximately five gallons of hazardous waste occurred at the Facility over a period of 17 days. To the extent that paragraph 16 states any other allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

17. The allegations of paragraph 17 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 17 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

18. The allegations of paragraph 18 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 18 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT VII

CONTINGENCY PLAN VIOLATIONS

1-5. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count VII.

6-13. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 13 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 6 through 13 of Count VII.

14-16. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 14 and 18 through 19 of Count V as its answers to paragraphs 14 through 16 of Count VII.

17. Reilly denies the allegations of the first sentence of paragraph 17, and affirmatively states that it was not required to report the release of front end oil because the reportable quantity for benzene was not exceeded over any twenty-four hour time period. Reilly admits that it submitted a written report on September 15, 2000, but denies that it failed to submit that report within "15 days after the implementation of the contingency plan" as the contingency plan was not required to be implemented. To the extent that paragraph 17 states any further allegations, Reilly denies the same.

18. The allegations of paragraph 18 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 18 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

19. The allegations of paragraph 19 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 19 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

20. The allegations of paragraph 20 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 20 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT VIII

CONTAINER USE AND MANAGEMENT VIOLATIONS

1-5. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count VIII.

6-13. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 13 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 6 through 13 of Count VIII.

14-15. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 14 and 20 of Count V as its answers to paragraphs 14 through 15 of Count VIII.

16. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 16.

17. The allegations of paragraph 17 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 17 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

18. The allegations of paragraph 18 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 18 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT IX

MANIFEST AND LAND DISPOSAL RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

1-5. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count IX.

6-13. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 13 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 6 through 13 of Count IX.

14. Reilly repeats and realleges its answer to paragraph 14 of Count V as its answer to paragraph 14 of Count IX.

15. The regulation quoted in paragraph 15 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 15 states any allegations of fact, Reilly denies the same.

16. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 16.

17. The allegations of paragraph 17 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 17 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

18. The allegations of paragraph 18 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 18 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT X

WATER POLLUTION HAZARD VIOLATIONS IN 2000

1-5. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 of Count X.

6-8. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 8 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 6 through 8 of Count X.

9. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 9.

10. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 10.

11. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 11.

12. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 12 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 12 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

13. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 13 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 13 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

14. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 14 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 14 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

15. The statutory section quoted in paragraph 15 speaks for itself, and therefore Reilly has no response to this allegation. To the extent that paragraph 15 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

16. Reilly denies the allegations of paragraph 16.

17. Reilly denies the allegations of paragraph 17.

COUNT XI

NOVEMBER 1, 2000 AIR POLLUTION VIOLATIONS

1-8. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 5 and 14 through 16 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 8 of Count XI.

9-11. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 8 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 9 through 11 of Count XI.

12. Reilly repeats and realleges its answer to paragraph 11 of Count X as its answer to paragraph 12 of Count XI.

13. Reilly denies the allegations of paragraph 13.

14. The allegations of paragraph 14 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 14 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

COUNT XII

JULY 4, 2003 WATER POLLUTION HAZARD VIOLATIONS

1-4. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 2 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 4 of Count XII.

5-7. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 8 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 5 through 7 of Count XII.

8-11. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraph 12 through 15 of Count X as its answers to paragraphs 8 through 11 of Count XII.

12. Reilly has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegation that “[t]his Count is brought by the People of the State of Illinois by Lisa Madigan, the Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on her own motion and at the request of the Illinois EPA,” and thus denies same. Reilly admits that “[t]he Illinois EPA requested that Reilly waive Section 31 requirements,” and that “[b]y letter dated September 12, 2003, Reilly agreed to waive Section 31 requirements.”

13. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 13.

14. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 14.

15. Reilly does not have records as to all of the exact dates that Illinois EPA came to the Facility following the release at issue, and therefore has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of paragraph 15.

16. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 16.

17. Reilly does not have records regarding the exact status of the response to the release at issue on July 8, 2003, and therefore has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 17.

18. Reilly does not have records regarding the exact status at the response to the release at issue on July 8, 2003, and therefore, has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 18.

19. Reilly does not have records regarding the exact status at the response to the release at issue on July 11, 2003, and therefore, has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 19.

20. Reilly does not have records regarding the exact status at the response to the release at issue on July 21, 2003, and therefore, has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 20.

21. Reilly does not have records regarding the exact status at the response to the release at issue on August 5, 2003, and therefore, has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in the first sentence of paragraph 21. Reilly admits the allegations of the second, third, fourth and fifth sentences at paragraph 21.

22. Reilly denies the allegations of paragraph 22.

23. Reilly denies the allegations of paragraph 23.

COUNT XIII

JULY 4, 2003 FACILITY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS

1-4. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 2 through 5 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 4 of Count XIII.

5-7. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 6 through 8 of Count IV as its answers to paragraphs 5 through 7 of Count XIII.

8-9. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 14 and 17 of Count V as its answers to paragraphs 8 through 9 of Count XIII.

10-19. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 12 through 21 of Count XII as its answers to paragraphs 10 through 19 of Count XIII.

20. Reilly specifically denies that the release at issue constituted a release of "hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents," and therefore denies the allegations of paragraph 20.

21. Reilly specifically denies that the release at issue constituted a release of "hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents," and therefore denies the allegations of paragraph 21.

COUNT XIV

JANUARY 28, 2004, AIR POLLUTION VIOLATION

1-9. Reilly repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 6 and 14 through 16 of Count I as its answers to paragraphs 1 through 9 of Count XIV.

10. Reilly admits the allegations of paragraph 10 that there was a fire at still #6 on January 28, 2004, but has insufficient knowledge to admit or deny the remaining allegations of paragraph 10.

11. Reilly denies the allegations of paragraph 11.

12. The allegations of paragraph 12 state a legal conclusion that does not call for a response. To the extent that paragraph 12 contains any factual allegations, Reilly denies the same.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO COUNTS XII AND XIII

For its affirmative defense to Counts XII and XIII, Reilly states as follows:

1. The release alleged in Count XII, which forms the basis for Counts XII and XIII, was caused by the failure of an internal valve inside a rail car.

2. Reilly does not own the rail car at issue.

3. The internal valve and the pressure relief valve on the rail car at issue were tested in 2000 and passed testing.

4. The internal valve controls the flow of material from the rail car through an outlet on the bottom of the rail car.

5. This valve is operated by a handle on the top of the rail car.

6. The rail car was used to ship material to another site immediately prior to being used to ship crude coal tar to Reilly's facility in Granite City, Illinois.

7. That site reported no difficulty with the use of the valve that subsequently failed at Reilly's facility.

8. Because the valve passed inspection in 2000, and operated properly when used immediately before the shipment to Reilly's facility, Reilly had no reason to suspect that the valve would fail at Reilly's facility.

9. Prior to the arrival of the rail car at Reilly's facility, the stem of the handle that operates the valve had come unattached from the valve and lodged under the valve.

10. Reilly determined this fact by an interior inspection of the rail car after the release; the valve is not visible from the exterior of the rail car.

11. Because the valve is not visible from the exterior of the rail car, Reilly could not have inspected the valve to determine that the handle stem had come unattached.

12. Further, because the handle stem had come unattached, the handle would not turn.

13. Because the handle stem had come unattached, Reilly could not have determined that the valve was not operating properly by trying to close the valve, because, again, the handle that operated the valve would not turn.

14. Thus, there was no means by which Reilly could have determined that the valve would fail prior to the failure occurring.

15. Thus, Reilly lacked the capability to control the source of the release, namely, the valve that failed.

16. Further, Reilly took all possible precautions to ensure that the valve was operating properly.

17. Thus, the Board should find that the failure of the valve did not constitute a violation of the Act or regulations by Reilly.

WHEREFORE, Respondent REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC., by its attorneys HODGE DWYER ZEMAN, prays that the Board find against Complainant, and for Reilly, on Paragraphs XII and XIII of Complainant's Complaint, and that the Board award REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC., all relief just and proper in the premises.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Respondent REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC., by its attorneys HODGE DWYER ZEMAN, prays that Complainant take nothing by way of its Complaint, and that the Board award REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC., all relief just and proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC.,
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