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November 10, 2005

PCB06-77

The Honorable Dorothy Gunn
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center, Ste. 11-500
100 West Randolph
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: **People v. Dennis K. Stiegemeier, d/b/a I.L.C. Development**

Dear Clerk Gunn:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and ten copies of a Notice of Filing, Entry of Appearance and Complaint in regard to the above-captioned matter. Please file the originals and return file-stamped copies to me in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Delbert D. Haschemeyer
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Enclosures

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD NOV 15 2005

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF)
ILLINOIS,)
)
Complainant,)
)
vs.)
)
DENNIS K. STIEGEMEIER, d/b/a)
I.L.C. DEVELOPMENT,)
)
Respondent.)

PCB No. *06-77*
(Enforcement)

NOTICE OF FILING

To: DENNIS K. STIEGEMEIER
d/b/a I.L.C. DEVELOPMENT
Illini Lumber Company, Inc.
303 Madison Street
Staunton, IL 62088

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I mailed for filing with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois, a COMPLAINT, a copy of which is attached hereto and herewith served upon you. Failure to file an answer to this Complaint within 60 days may have severe consequences. Failure to answer will mean that all allegations in this Complaint will be taken as if admitted for purposes of this proceeding. If you have any questions about this procedure, you should contact the hearing officer assigned to this proceeding, the Clerk's Office or an attorney.

FURTHER, please take notice that financing may be available, through the Illinois Environmental Facilities Financing Act, 20 ILCS 3515/1 (2004), to correct the pollution alleged in the Complaint filed in this case.

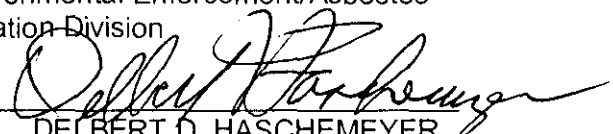
Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

LISA MADIGAN,
Attorney General of the
State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief
Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos
Litigation Division

BY:


DELBERT D. HASCHEMEYER
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Bureau

500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
217/782-9031
Dated: November 10, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did on November 10, 2005, send by certified mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office Box a true and correct copy of the following instruments entitled NOTICE OF FILING, ENTRY OF APPEARANCE and COMPLAINT:

To: DENNIS K. STIEGEMEIER
d/b/a I.L.C. DEVELOPMENT
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and the original and ten copies by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid of the same foregoing instrument(s):

To: Dorothy Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
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Delbert D. Haschemeyer
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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

On behalf of the Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DELBERT D. HASCHEMEYER, Assistant Attorney General of the State of Illinois, hereby enters his appearance as attorney of record.

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COMPLAINT

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, complains of Respondent, DENNIS K. STIEGEMEIER, d/b/a I. L. C. DEVELOPMENT, as follows:

COUNT I

WATER POLLUTION

1. This Complaint is brought by the Attorney General on her own motion, pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 31 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31 (2004).

2. The Illinois EPA is an agency of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois General Assembly under Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2004), and charged, *inter alia*, with the duty of enforcing the Act in proceedings before the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board").

3. Dennis K. Stiegemeier is a developer doing business as "I.L.C. Development" and, in or about July 2002, commenced construction of homes in the Timberview Subdivision southwest of Staunton in Macoupin County, Illinois.

4. Section 12 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12 (2004), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

No person shall:

- (a) Cause or threaten or allow the discharge of any contaminants into

the environment in any state so as to cause or tend to cause water pollution in Illinois, either alone or in combination with matter from other sources, or so as to violate regulations or standards adopted by the Pollution Control Board under this Act.

* * *

- (d) Deposit any contaminant upon the land in such place and manner so as to create a water pollution hazard.

* * *

- (f) Cause, threaten or allow the discharge of any contaminant into the waters of the State, as defined herein, including but not limited to, waters to any sewage works, or into any well or from any point source within the State, without an NPDES permit for point source discharges issued by the Agency under Section 39(b) of this Act, or in violation of any term or condition imposed by such permit, or in violation of any NPDES permit filing requirement established under Section 39(b), or in violation of any regulations adopted by the Board or of any order adopted by the Board with respect to the NPDES program.

- 5. Section 3.545 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.545 (2004), provides the following definition:

"Water pollution" is such alteration of the physical, thermal, chemical, biological or radioactive properties of any waters of the State, or such discharge of any contaminant into any waters of the State, as will or is likely to create a nuisance or render such waters harmful or detrimental or injurious to public health, safety or welfare, or to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate uses, or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

- 6. The federal Clean Water Act regulates the discharge of pollutants from a point source into navigable waters and prohibits such point source discharges without an NPDES permit. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") administers the NPDES program in each state unless the USEPA has delegated authority to do so to that state. The USEPA has authorized the State of Illinois to issue NPDES permits through the Illinois EPA in compliance with federal regulations.

- 7. Storm water discharges are regulated by 40 CFR 122.26, which requires a person to obtain an NPDES permit and to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan for

construction activity including clearing, grading and excavation:

(a) Permit requirement.

1. Prior to October 1, 1994, discharges composed entirely of storm water shall not be required to obtain an NPDES permit except:

* * *

- (ii) A discharge associated with industrial activity (see § 122.26(a)(4));

* * *

4. Discharges through large and medium municipal separate storm sewer systems. . . .

* * *

9. (I) On and after October 1, 1994, for discharges composed entirely of storm water, that are not required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section to obtain a permit, operators shall be required to obtain an NPDES permit only if:

* * *

- (B) The discharge is a storm water discharge associated with small construction activity pursuant to paragraph (b)(15) of this section;

* * *

(b) Definitions.

* * *

- (14) Storm water discharge associated with industrial activity means the discharge from any conveyance that is used for collecting and conveying storm water and that is directly related to manufacturing, processing or raw materials storage areas at an industrial plant. . . . The following categories of facilities are considered to be engaging in "industrial activity" for purposes of paragraph (b)(14):

(x) Construction activity including clearing, grading and excavation, except operations that result in the disturbance of less than five acres of total land area. Construction

activity also includes the disturbance of less than five acres of total land area that is a part of a larger common plan of development or sale if the larger common plan will ultimately disturb five acres or more;

* * *

- (15) Storm water discharge associated with small construction activity means the discharge of storm water from:

(l) Construction activities including clearing, grading, and excavating that result in land disturbance of equal to or greater than one acre and less than five acres. Small construction activity also includes the disturbance of less than one acre of total land area that is part of a larger common plan of development or sale if the larger common plan will ultimately disturb equal to or greater than one and less than five acres.

* * *

8. In July 2002, Respondent submitted a notice of intent for coverage under the State's general storm water NPDES permit to the Illinois EPA, which granted authorization on August 5, 2002. This permit required the implementation of a stormwater pollution prevention plan.

9. On March 26, 2004, Illinois EPA inspected the Timberview Subdivision southwest of Staunton in Macoupin County, Illinois. A heavy rain was falling on the day of the inspection and storm water runoff had formed numerous gullies in the disturbed ground. No apparent attempt had been made to stabilize the disturbed areas. A crude ditch allowed the discharge of silt laden storm water into a wooded area. Silt fences and dams were overloaded by sedimentation and were inadequate to reduce the transport of sediment to an offsite pond and other waterways.

10. Upon inquiry by the Illinois EPA during the March 26, 2004, inspection, the Respondent's project manager was unable to produce a copy of the stormwater pollution prevention plan.

11. On July 8 and 14, 2004, Illinois EPA inspected the Timberview Subdivision to determine whether progress had been made as to the implementation of a stormwater pollution

prevention plan. On these occasions, disturbed areas had not been stabilized and the silt fences and dams were still overloaded by sediment and were inadequate to prevent the sediment from being transported into an offsite pond and other waterways. Storm water runoff controls were completely lacking at other locations resulting in erosion gullies.

12. On September 14, 2004, Illinois EPA inspected the Timberview Subdivision and determined that some progress had been made as to the implementation of a stormwater pollution prevention plan. However, the measures were still inadequate to minimize the transport of sediment to the offsite pond and other waterways.

13. On December 14, 2004, Illinois EPA inspected the Timberview Subdivision and determined that no further efforts had been taken to stabilize the site, to construct detention structures, or to grade and plant grass cover. The measures were still inadequate to prevent erosion and effectively capture sediment in the storm water runoff.

14. The ongoing construction activities, including clearing, grading, and excavating, had resulted in land disturbance of equal to or greater than one acre and less than five acres and the site conditions caused or allowed the discharge of silt and other contaminants from a point source onto the land and into waters of the State so as to cause or tend to cause a water pollution hazard in violation of Section 12(d) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(d) (2004).

15. Commencing on some date prior to March 26, 2004, the Respondent has caused or allowed the discharge of silt and other contaminants from the construction site into waters of the State so as to cause or tend to cause water pollution in violation Section 12(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2004).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Complainant, the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, respectfully request that the Board enter an Order against the Respondent, DENNIS K. STIEGEMEIER, d/b/a

I.L.C. DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondent will be required to answer the allegations herein;
- B. Finding that the Respondent has violated the Act and regulations as alleged herein;
- C. Pursuant to Section 42(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(a) (2004), impose upon the Respondent a monetary penalty of not more than the statutory maximum; and
- D. Grant such other and further relief as the Board deems appropriate.

COUNT II

NPDES PERMIT VIOLATIONS

1-10. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 10 of Count I as paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Count II.

11. Section 309.102(a) of the Board's Water Pollution Regulations, 356 Ill. Adm. Code 309.102(a), requires an NPDES permit:

Except as in compliance with the provisions of the Act, Board regulations, and the CWA [Clean Water Act], and the provisions and conditions of the NPDES permit issued to the discharger, the discharge of any contaminant or pollutant by any person into the waters of the State from a point source or into a well shall be unlawful.

12. Due to Respondent's failure to fully implement the stormwater pollution prevention plan required by NPDES permit, the activities and site conditions at the Timberview Subdivision have resulted in the discharge of silt and other contaminants from a point source into waters of the State.

13. By discharging contaminants into waters of the State without complying with the NPDES permit, Respondent has violated Section 12(f) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(f) (2004), and Section 39.102(a) of the Board's Water Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.102(a) (2004).

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