1 2 ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD 3 4 5 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL ) PROTECTION AGENCY, ) б ) Plaintiff, ) 7 ) AC 05-18 )(IEPA No. 409-00-AC) Vs. )(Administrative Citation) 8 WILLIAM SHRUM, ) 9 ) Defendant. ) 10 Proceedings held on November 17, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., at 11 Perry County Courthouse, Public Square, Pinckneyville, 12 Illinois, before Carol Webb, Hearing Officer. 13 14 15 16 17 Reporter: Angie R. Kelly, CSR#084-004498 18 KEEFE REPORTING COMPANY 19 1-800-244-0190 20 E-MAIL ADDRESS: Reporter@Keefereporting.com 21 22 23 24

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3	(November 17, 2005; 1:30 p.m.)	
4	HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Good afternoon, my	
5	name is Carol Webb, and I'm a hearing officer with the	

б Pollution Control Board. This is the hearing for 7 AC-05-18, IEPA verses William Shrum. It is November 17, 8 2005, and we are beginning at 1:30 p.m. 9 I will note for the record there are no members of the public present. Members of the public 10 11 are allowed to provide public comment if they so choose. 12 As issue in this case is EPA's allegation 13 that respondent violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of 14 the Environmental Protection Act at his facility located about three miles northwest of Tamaroa in Perry County. 15 You should know that it is the Pollution 16 Control Board, and not me, that will make the final 17 18 decision in this case. My purpose is to conduct the 19 hearing in a neutral and orderly manner, so that we have 20 a clear record of the proceedings. I will also assess 21 the credibility of any witness on the record at the end 22 of the hearing. 23 This hearing was noticed pursuant to the Act and the Board's rules, and will be conducted pursuant to 24 5 Sections 101.600 through 101.632 of the Board's 1

2 procedural rules.

3 I would like to ask the parties to please4 make their appearances on the record.

5 MS. RYAN: Michelle Ryan, Special Assistant6 Attorney General for the EPA.

7 MR. BABB: Kevin Babb on behalf of8 respondent, William Shrum.

9 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Thank you, are there any preliminary matters to discuss on the record? 10 11 MS. RYAN: No, just that I also, as I did 12 this morning, left my formal appearance on my desk in 13 Springfield, and I will have that filed as soon as I get 14 back to my desk. 15 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay. Ms. Ryan, would 16 you like to make an opening statement? 17 MS. RYAN: Yes. We believe that the evidence today will show that on July 2, 2004, open dumping 18 19 resulting in litter and the deposition of construction 20 or demolition debris occurred at the Shrum property, approximately three and a half miles northwest of 21 22 Tamaroa in Perry County, Illinois. HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Mr. Babb, do you care 23 24 to make an opening statement?

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MR. BABB: We believe the evidence will show 1 2 that during the time that the respondent has owned the 3 property, that there has been no dumping of any debris, 4 which is the subject of the citation, resulted from the 5 act of third parties, not a party to this proceeding, and were not the responsibility, the acts, or control of б 7 the respondent. HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Thank you. Ms. Ryan, 8

9 you may call your first witness.

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11	By Ms. Ryan:
12	MS. RYAN: We call Kent Johnson.
13	(Witness Sworn.)
14	Q. Can you state your name and spell it for the
15	record?
16	A. My name is Kent Johnson, K-E-N-T J-O-H-N-S-O-N.
17	Q. On July 2, 2004 what was your job?
18	A. I work for Bureau of Land with the Illinois
19	Environmental Protection Agency as an inspector.
20	Q. How many years were you an inspector for the
21	Bureau of Land with the Illinois EPA?
22	A. Approximately twelve and a half years.
23	Q. In the twelve and a half years that you did land
24	inspections, approximately how many inspections did you
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14 Q. Are you familiar with the property that Illinois EPA has designated Tamaroa William Shrum Number 2? 15 16 A. I am. 17 Q. Where is that property located? 18 A. It's located northwest of Tamaroa, Illinois, in 19 Perry County, it's at the intersection of Shamrock Road, 20 and Corgan Road, as I recall. The Shamrock turns to the 21 west at that location, and the roads just basically to 22 the north of that intersection. Q. On July 2, 2004 who owned that property? 23 24 A. William Shrum. 1 Q. How many inspections did you conduct at that 2 property? 3 A. One. 4 Q. Do you recall what caused you to conduct an inspection on July 2, 2004? 5 A. On that date, it was in response to a complaint 6 7 alleging open dumping of demolition debris and litter. Q. Who was that complaint from? 8 9 A. It was an anonymous complaint related through 10 another member of the Illinois EPA, Brian Rodley.

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11 Q. And who does Brian Rodley work for in Illinois 12 EPA?

A. He is working for Office of Pollution Prevention.
Q. Did Brian Rodley do any investigation of the
complaint before he reported it to you?

16 A. As he lives in the area, he did take photos from off site for reference, and provided them to me. 17 Q. I've provided you what we've marked for reference 18 19 as Exhibit 1. Can you identify those? Do you recognize 20 this photograph? 21 A. I do. 22 Q. And where did they come from? A. They are of the property in question, William 23 24 Shrum Number two. 9 1 Q. Did you take those photographs? A. I did not take them. 2 3 Q. Do you know who did? A. Brian Rodley, as he explained to me that he 4 5 provided them to me. б Q. It was these photographs that caused you to conduct an inspection later on July 2, 2004? 7 A. That, in addition to verbal complaint received, 8 9 yes. 10 Q. Do you know when you were supplied these photographs? 11 12 A. June of 2004, I don't recall exact date I was 13 provided the photos, I believe they were taken in the 14 early part of June 2004. Q. I now am showing you what I marked as Exhibit 2. 15 16 Do you recognize this document? 17 A. I do. Q. What is it? 18

A. It is a copy of my inspection report from theJuly 2, 2004 inspection.

21 Q. Is this an accurate and complete copy of your 22 report?

23 A. It appears to be, yes.

24 Q. Can you describe the property, generally?

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A. The property generally as I indicate before is rural property, consisting of no dwellings on this part of the property, as I understand it, it does extend to another part across the road, but this is an intersection, largely just vegetation, and at the time of the inspection, waste and debris.

Q. Trees or low vegetation, or a combination?
A. The property had woody vegetation, short
vegetation, grassy vegetation, except in the area of
recent activity, where there was no vegetation, and
recent dirt work, and waste was in that area.

12 Q. How did the condition of the site when you went 13 out there on July 2, 2004, compare to the photograph 14 that you received from Brian Rodley?

A. The photos that Brian provided show materials in piles, where as, when I did my inspection in July '04, the material had appeared to have been spread by some type of moving equipment, dozer or something of that nature.

20 Q. Did you see any such equipment on the property

21 when you were out there?

22 A. I did not, not in that area.

Q. Who took the photographs attached to the July 2,2004 report?

1 A. I did.

2 Q. And starting with photograph number 1, which 3 Kevin, if you look at the photo file name, the very last 4 three digits, are the photo number. Starting with photo 5 number one, if you can describe what is shown in the 6 picture?

7 A. Photos one and two were taken, basically at the 8 north end of the active area, looking down for the most part, and show the type of debris that's in there. 9 10 There's blocks, photo one there's a board there, maybe part of a palate, I'm not sure, may not, I'm not really 11 sure about it. There's also some other -- basically 12 burned debris. Photo two is consistent except in the 13 14 fact that the materials shown, there's what appeared to 15 be a mattress, and a waste tire, were also intermingled with the debris. 16

Q. If I could go back to photo one, some block, can you describe better the type of block you're talking about?

A. It's a type of block, and it's not a concrete block, it's a little different type block, and I'm not familiar with the exact make up of the block, but it appears to be from a building.

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1 the next photo.

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2 A. I'm sorry. Photos three and four, are photo 3 three is a picture taken at the north end facing south, 4 basically showing the lay of the area. You can somewhat 5 tell in the photo, the slope slopes down as you go б north, the material had been spread, into a low area, I would presume to level it, shows again block, wood, 7 8 things of that nature that spread across. Photo four is 9 basically a close up of the ground in that area showing a little better what type of waste is in there. There's 10 11 wood, block, dirt intermingled with blocks and just 12 different types of things in there, where it had been 13 intermingled with the debris from being pushed down. 14 Photo five again, is a close up, appears to be part of a 15 palate, indicates evidence of charring, as it had been burnt. It did not look like it had been burnt on 16 17 property, from the sense that there was no charred 18 vegetation in the area amongst that. And photos six 19 through eight are taken mainly from the south, facing 20 the north-northwest, of the area that had been worked, 21 with heavy equipment. Again, showing kind of a 22 panoramic shot of the area of concern with the waste and 23 the dirt and the block and everything intermingled. 24 Q. The waste that you took photographs of on July 2,

1 2004, was that visible from the road when you approached 2 the property? 3 A. It was. 4 Q. These photographs accurately depict what you saw 5 on the site that day? б A. They do. 7 Q. When was this report generated? 8 A. Shortly after the time of the inspection, I don't recall the contact date, but we typically file within 9 10 ten days. Q. Does Illinois EPA keep documents such as 11 12 inspection reports and complainant photos in the regular course of it's business? 13 14 A. We do. 15 MS. RYAN: At this time, I move Exhibits one and two into evidence. 16 MR. BABB: No objection. 17 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Exhibits one and two 18 19 are admitted into evidence. 20 MS. RYAN: And I have nothing else at this 21 time. 22 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Mr. Babb? 23 MR. BABB: Thank you. C R O S S E X A M I N A T I O N 24

1				Ву	Mr.	Babb:				
2	Q.	Mr.	Johnson,	when	Mr.	Rodley	was	out	at	the

3 scene, did he report to you that he saw any active

4 dumping going on at that time?

5 A. When I spoke to Brian Rodley, he said he did not 6 mention anything specific, that there was anything being 7 dumped actively at that moment.

8 Q. All right.

9 A. He just took photographs of the materials in10 question.

Q. Very good. When you were out there on July the 2nd, and made your inspection, you did not see any active dumping going on?

14 A. There was no one, other than Mr. Clapp from Perry15 County, and myself, there was no one on site.

Q. And neither you nor Mr. Clapp, to the best of your knowledge, saw any dumping going on on that site at the time of your inspection?

19 A. There was nothing actively being dumped, there 20 was material that had been previously dumped on the 21 property.

Q. And in terms of when this material was dumped on the property, based on your own inspection, you can't give any kind of opinion as far as the date of when that

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1 dumping was done?

2 A. Not with any specificity, no.

Q. And I think you indicated that it's your opinionor your interpretation of these photographs, the first

5 set or earlier set compare to the second set, that the 6 debris that is pictured in the earlier set of 7 photographs appeared, by the time you got out there, to 8 have been spread around or be in a different 9 configuration. Do I understand your testimony 10 correctly? 11 A. I think it would be a fair assessment, yes. 12 Q. All right. 13 It appeared to have been leveled. Α. 14 By leveled, you're talking about the debris being Q. in a different configuration or occupying a different 15 16 footprint on the property? 17 A. I would say it that would be fair, yes. 18 Ο. In terms of any type of change in the volume of material that you observed on the property, did you 19 20 attempt to make any judgement as to whether from the 21 first time -- from when these first photographs were 22 taken, until you were out there personally, did you attempt to quantify as to whether there was an increase 23 24 of the volume of material that was on the property?

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A. With regard to specific volume, it would be difficult, if not impossible without being an intrusive investigation. I did not attempt to go through and go to depth on everything and try to figure out the depth of the waste. I used, for the calculations of the waste on site, I used the length, the width of the area, and then basically the depth at the maximum, and took that 8 basically in half, as an average of the depth.

9 Q. And so it would be certainly consistent, or not 10 inconsistent, with your observations that the amount of 11 wast that was on the property when Mr. Rodley was out 12 there was the same amount, or same volume as when you 13 were out there?

14 A. That's possible.

Q. You can't say one way or the other?
A. I can't say one way or the other, but that's
possible.

Q. And you certainly can't say with any degree of certainty that the volume of waste that was out there on the property when you were out there, was substantially or any extent greater than when Mr. Rodley was out there and took those photographs?

A. If I understand your question correctly, no, tome, I can't say one way or the other that it was greater

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or less, but I certainly wouldn't guess as it being 1 2 greater. 3 Q. But that would just be a guess on your part? 4 A. It would be. 5 MR. BABB: No other questions. HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Ms. Ryan? 6 7 MS. RYAN: Nothing further. 8 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Thank you very much, 9 Mr. Johnson.

10 MS. RYAN: I have no other witnesses. 11 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Mr. Babb, you my call your first witness. 12 13 MR. BABB: Thank you. DIRECT EXAMINATION 14 15 By Mr. Babb: 16 MR. BABB: I would call the respondent, 17 William Shrum. 18 (Witness Sworn.) 19 Q. Could you please state your name for us? 20 A. William Shrum. Q. And Bill, what's your current address? 21 A. 6694 Shamrock Road. 2.2 Q. And where is your residence address in relation 23 24 to the property that we've been talking about during the 18 Pollution Board's case against you? 1 2 A. It's approximately a mile and a half up the road. 3 Q. All right. When did you first own that property? 4 A. I bought the property some time in early 2004.

5 Q. Okay. And at that time, did you buy just that 6 parcel, or was there more that you bought?

7 A. Well, at the time I didn't actually didn't 8 realize that this went with it, there was an eleven and 9 a half acre piece of property that I bought for rental 10 property to redo and fix up. This is a piece of 11 property that's separated from the main structure of the 12 property that I bought, and it being across the road on 13 two and a half acres.

14 Q. So it's separate from your other property, it's

15 separated by Shamrock Road?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Or Shamrock Lane?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And you're not initially from Perry County?

20 A. No, I'm not.

21 Q. You originally from Metro East area?

22 A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you, based on your own personal knowledge, didyou have any information when you bought that property

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1 what it's use had been before you bought it?

2 A. No, I did not.

3 Q. And when you say you bought that property in

4 2004, I take it was before the events that we've heard

5 about in June and July of 2004?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. You bought it some time earlier in the year?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. Did you have occasion following your purchase of 10 this property in 2004, to discover that there was some 11 kind of debris or refuse on the property?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. And approximately when did you make that

14 discovery?

15 A. When I had learned that the two and a half acres 16 was on the adjoining side of the road, this grassy area 17 that you see here was grown up quite high, I had taken a 18 brush hog over there and cut that down, and exposed the 19 debris or whatever you want to call it, that was there. 20 Q. So it's clear in the record for the Board, when 21 you're talking about the grassy area that shows the 22 refuge, that is the first photograph in what was 23 submitted by the Board as Exhibit No. 1? 24 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. All right. So, describe for us, if you could, 2 what was the debris that you found? 3 A. It just looked like a bunch of piles of, I would call it back fill rock, debris. There was some 4 construction debris, there was toilets, shingles, 5 6 mattresses. There was, you know, like home building, 7 some other home building debris there. 8 Q. And as the Board's attorney was -- EPA's attorney 9 was going through her evidence, you and I sat here going through photographs, correct? 10 11 A. Correct. Q. And in the photograph that Mr. Johnson indicated 12 13 as being taken by him in July of 2004, do those 14 photographs show the waste that you first observed on 15 the property when you became aware of this rubbish on 16 the property? 17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What did you do at that time when you discovered 19 this waste was on there?

A. Well, we wanted to level it off. I have a 655 John Deere high lift, I brought it down to the location and there was like the toilet, anything, there was some glass there, I cleaned up the glass and toiletry, most of the -- anything that I didn't feel was in my eyes, a

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1 back fill debris, I removed that debris, and then I took 2 the stuff that was there and I leveled it off. Basically, there was a lower lying area on the end of 3 4 the property, and I just pushed it back and forth to make it a level, clean area. I brought some dirt in to 5 back fill, just to dress it up, it was quite an eyesore, б 7 and I wanted to cut the whole property, and you couldn't 8 cut it where this debris was at. 9 Q. What did you do with the debris that you removed 10 from the property? A. I put it in a dumpster, at my home I have about a 11 12 ten yard dumpster that the trash people haul off, I put 13 it in there. 14 Q. And that's a dumpster that's provided to you as part of a commercial service? 15 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Then disposed of by other persons? 18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. And I'm sorry, could you describe for us what the

20 equipment was that you used?

21 A. It was a 655 John Deere high lift.

22 Q. All right, and is that on wheels or tracks?

A. It's on tracks.

24 Q. So that would leave in the area of which you

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1 drove it, some tracks in the mud around that area?

2 A. Correct.

Q. Okay. Do the photographs that were introduced by the EPA during it's case, showing the first time that they had photographs taken out there, and then when Mr. Johnson took the photographs, does that show the work you did out there in terms of moving the rubbish that was left on the property?

9 A. Yes, it does.

10 Q. Did you at any time ever add any rubbish or put 11 any kind of rubbish or waste on the property?

12 A. No, I had not.

13 Q. And in the time you've owned the property, have 14 you ever used that for any kind of dumping?

15 A. No, I have not.

16MR. BABB: Those are all the questions I17have.

18 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Ms. Ryan?

19 MS. RYAN: I don't have anything. Thank you.

20 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Thank you, Mr. Shrum.

21 Mr. Babb, you may call your next witness.

22 MR. BABB: The next witness we want to call

23 is Keith Moss.

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HEARING OFFICER WEBB: M-O-S-S.

1		MR. BABB: Yes, ma'am.
2		(Witness Sworn.)
3		DIRECT EXAMINATION
4		By Mr. Babb:
5	Q. W	Nould you state your name for us?
6	A. K	Ceith Moss.
7	Q. A	and where do you currently reside?
8	A. 3	343 Hickory Creek Road, in Dubois, Illinois.
9	Q. <i>P</i>	and with respect to the property that we're
10	talking	about in this hearing today, are you familiar
11	with tha	at property?
12	A. Y	Yes, I am.
13	Q. H	How are you familiar?
14	A. I	used to work for Dan Kleiboecker, he used to
15	own the	house that Bill purchased.
16	Q. A	All right.
17	A. A	and I'd done some construction work for him at
18	that tim	ne.
19	Q. W	That time period are we talking about here?
20	A. 2	2000 end of, 2001 beginning of.
21	Q. A	and is it your understanding that Mr. Kleiboecker
22	owned th	ne property that's involved here?
23	A. <i>P</i>	At the time?
24	Q. Y	Zes, sir.

1 A. Yes.

2	Q. Are you aware of duping of debris going on on
3	that property when Mr. Kleiboecker owned it?
4	A. Yes, I am.
5	Q. Tell us what happened, as far as that goes?
6	A. Well, they was building that house, and you
7	always got excess dry wall and buckets and lumber, and
8	whatever was left, he just threw in a dump truck 'til it
9	got full, I never seen who was driving the truck because
10	I was up on the roof, but you could see it all day long
11	going across the road there and dumping lumber. Didn't
12	look like anything toxic that I seen, like lumber,
13	drywall.
14	Q. Okay. That would include, since he was tearing
15	down a house, that would include things such as plumbing
16	fixtures?
17	A. Right.
18	Q. There was some furniture in the house?
19	A. Uh-huh.
20	Q. Would that also include things like household
21	furnishings, beds, mattresses, that type of things?
22	A. Anything that was in there he didn't want.
23	Q. From your vantage point, there on the roof
24	building the new house, you were able to observe this?
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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Showing you the photographs that have been taken here, and have been introduced by the agency in their 3 4 case, do those photographers appear to show the debris 5 which was deposited on the property by Mr. Kleiboecker 6 during the work? 7 A. Yes, all just miscellaneous stuff just like that. 8 A little bit of everything. 9 Q. Describe, if you would, the things that are shown 10 here that you recall being deposited on the property 11 during the time Mr. Kleiboecker owned it? 12 A. Cinder blocks, just some lumber, left over scrap. 13 Q. Okay. A. Trash, you know, cans, bags. Everything he didn't 14 need at the time, I guess. 15 MR. BABB: Thank you. Those are all the 16 questions I have. 17 18 MS. RYAN: I don't have anything. HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Thank you. 19 Mr. Babb, do you have any exhibits you'd 20 like to offer? 21 22 MR. BABB: I do not. 23 (Whereupon, a discussion was held off the 24 record.)

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HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Back on the record.
 We've just had an off the record discussion regarding
 post hearing briefs. The transcript of these

4 proceedings will be available by December 1st, and will be posted on the board's web site. The public comment 5 deadline is December 15, and public comment must be 6 7 filed in accordance with section 101.628 of the Board's 8 procedural rules. The complainant brief is due December 9 29, 2005. Respondent brief is due January 26, 2006, and 10 complainant's reply, if any, is due February 6, 2006. 11 Ms. Ryan, would you like to make a closing 12 argument? 13 MS. RYAN: No, I would like to reserve that for my brief. 14 15 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Mr. Babb, would you like to make a closing argument? 16 MR. BABB: Also reserve for the brief. 17 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay. Noting again 18 19 that there are no members of the public present to make 20 any comments, I will proceed to make a statement as to the credibility of witnesses testifying during this 21 22 hearing. 23 Based on my legal judgement and experience, 24 I find all of the witnesses testifying to be credible. 27 At this time, I will conclude the proceedings, we stand 1 2 adjourned, and I thank all of you for your 3 participation. 4 5

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STATE OF ILLINOIS )
 MARION COUNTY )
 MARION COUNTY )
 I, ANGIE R. KELLY, a Notary Public in and for the
 County of Marion, State of Illinois, and St. Louis City,
 State of Missouri, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that appeared
 before me on November 17, 2005 at the offices of Perry

9	County Courthouse, Public Square, Pinckneyville,
10	Illinois, that a hearing by the Illinois Pollution
11	Control Board was held.
12	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
13	affixed my Notarial Seal this 17th day of November,
14	2005.
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17	Angie R. Kelly
18	My Commission Expires September 27, 2009
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