

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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| VERNON and ELAINE ZOHFELD, |) | |
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| Complainants, |) | |
| |) | |
| vs. |) | PCB No. 05-193 |
| |) | (Citizen's Enforcement, Air) |
| BOB DRAKE, WABASH VALLEY |) | |
| SERVICE COMPANY, MICHAEL J. |) | |
| PFISTER, NOAH D. HORTON, and |) | |
| STEVE KINDER, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondents. |) | |

NOTICE OF FILING

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| TO: Ms. Dorothy M. Gunn | Carol Webb, Esq. |
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board **MICHAEL J. PFISTER'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO COMPLAINANTS' COMPLAINT** on behalf of Respondents, Wabash Valley Service Company, Michael J. Pfister, Noah D. Horton and Steve Kinder, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

WABASH VALLEY SERVICE COMPANY,
MICHAEL J. PFISTER, NOAH D. HORTON,
and STEVE KINDER,
Respondents,

Dated: March 24, 2006

By: /s/ Thomas G. Safley
One of Their Attorneys

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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MICHAEL J. PFISTER'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO COMPLAINANTS' COMPLAINT

NOW COMES Respondent MICHAEL J. PFISTER ("Pfister"), by and through his attorneys, HODGE DWYER ZEMAN, and hereby files his Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Complainants' Complaint in this matter stating as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 of Complainants' Complaint states a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that paragraph 1 states any factual allegation, Pfister denies the same.
2. Pfister admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of Complainants' Complaint.
3. Pfister is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief regarding the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of Complainants' Complaint, and therefore, Pfister denies the same.
4. Pfister admits the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of Complainants' Complaint.

5. Pfister admits the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of Complainants' Complaint.

6. Pfister admits the allegations in paragraph 6 of Complainants' Complaint.

7. Pfister admits the allegations in paragraph 7 of Complainants' Complaint.

8. Pfister denies the allegations in paragraph 8 of Complainants' Complaint.

9. Pfister admits the allegations in paragraph 9 of Complainants' Complaint.

10. Pfister admits the allegations in paragraph 10 of Complainants' Complaint.

11. Pfister admits the allegations in paragraph 11 of Complainants' Complaint.

12. Pfister admits the allegations in paragraph 12 of Complainants' Complaint to the extent that Pfister and Horton were and/or are employed by Wabash Valley Service Company to drive spray equipment and to apply agrichemicals at various times and locations. Pfister further admits that Kinder is, and was, a supervisor of Pfister and Horton. With regard to the allegation in paragraph 12 that "Kinder . . . is and was responsible for directing their [i.e., Pfister's and Horton's] work, including with respect to when and how to apply the agrichemicals to Drake's field," this allegation states a legal conclusion to which no response is required. Pfister denies all remaining allegations and inferences contained in paragraph 12 of Complainants' Complaint.

13. Pfister denies the allegations in paragraph 13 of Complainants' Complaint.

14. Pfister denies the allegations in paragraph 14 of Complainants' Complaint.

15. Pfister denies the allegations in paragraph 15 of Complainants' Complaint.

16. Pfister denies the allegations in paragraph 16 of Complainants' Complaint.

17. Pfister denies the allegations in paragraph 17 of Complainants' Complaint.

18. In response to paragraph 18 of Complainants' Complaint, Pfister denies that chemicals were "sprayed onto Zohfelds' property." The remainder of paragraph 18 states a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that paragraph 18 states any further factual allegations, Pfister denies the same.

19. Pfister denies the allegations in paragraph 19 of Complainants' Complaint.

20. In response to paragraph 20 of Complainants' Complaint, Pfister denies that he or anyone "caus[ed] and/or allow[ed] agrichemicals to drift and cloud onto the adjacent property owned and occupied by the Zohfelds." The remainder of paragraph 20 states a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that paragraph 20 states any further factual allegations, Pfister denies the same.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent, MICHAEL J. PFISTER, respectfully requests that the Illinois Pollution Control Board deny the relief sought by the Complainants, VERNON and ELAINE ZOHFELD.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As his First Affirmative Defense to the Complainants' Complaint, the Respondent, Pfister, by his counsel, asserts that any claims in the Complainants' Complaint that refer to any incident, act, omission or any matter whatsoever that occurred before May 8, 2000, are barred by the applicable statute of limitations, and in support of this Affirmative Defense, Pfister states as follows:

1. Complainants' claims alleging air pollution are not brought by the State.
2. Claims under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act that are brought by individuals are subject to the five-year statute of limitations set forth in 735 ILCS 5/13-205.
3. With regard to any claim made by Complainants in their Complaint relating to any alleged incident, act, omission or any matter whatsoever that occurred before May 8, 2000, Complainants failed to bring such claim within the time limit provided by said statute of limitations.
4. As a result of Complainants' failure to file their claims referring to any incident, act, omission or any matter whatsoever that occurred before May 8, 2000, within the time limit provided by said statute of limitations, any such claims are barred.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent, MICHAEL J. PFISTER, respectfully requests that the Illinois Pollution Control Board find in his favor and against Complainants on this Affirmative Defense and award him all relief just and proper in the premises.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pfister reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses upon completion of discovery.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. PFISTER,
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