

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
April 20, 2006

COUNTY OF LASALLE,)
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 Complainant,)
)
 v.) AC 06-27
) (Site Code 0998135002)
 JERRY KOETZ,) (Administrative Citation)
)
 Respondent.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.T. Girard):

On March 3, 2006, the County of LaSalle timely filed an administrative citation against Jerry Koetz. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The County of LaSalle alleged that on February 3, 2006, Jerry Koetz violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2004)). The County of LaSalle further alleges that Jerry Koetz violated this provision by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner that resulted in litter. The alleged violations occurred at a site located in Grand Rapids Township, LaSalle County.

As required, the County of LaSalle served the administrative citation on Jerry Koetz within "60 days after the date of the observed violation." 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2004); *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) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due on March 30, 2006. Jerry Koetz failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that Jerry Koetz violated Section 21(p)(1) 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) (2004); 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 Board finds that Jerry Koetz violated Sections 21(p)(1) of the Act as alleged. Jerry Koetz must pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 no later than May 22, 2006, which is the first business day after the 30th day after the date of this order.

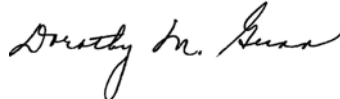
2. Jerry Koetz must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the LaSalle County Department of Environmental Services and Development. The case number, case name, and Jerry Koetz's social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Jerry Koetz must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

LaSalle County Department of Environmental Services and Development
119 West Madison Street, Room 406
Ottawa, Illinois 61350
4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2004)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2004)).
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) (2004); *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 April 20, 2006, by a vote of 4-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board