ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 19, 2007

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	PCB 06-160
MATRIX NATIONAL INVESTMENT)	(Enforcement - Water)
CORP., an Illinois corporation,)	
Respondent.)	

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

On May 2, 2006, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a three-count complaint against Matrix National Investment Corp. (Matrix). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204. The complaint concerns Matrix's residential subdivision known as Cobblestone Crossing, located in Section 12, Township 28 North, Range 1 West on Oldenburg Road in the northwestern portion of the City of Galena, Jo Daviess County.

The People allege that Matrix violated Sections 12(a), (d), and (f) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/12(a), (d) and (f) (2004) by (1) using inadequate erosion control measures so as to cause, threaten, or allow water pollution; (2) depositing contaminants onto the land so as to create a water pollution hazard; and (3) violating requirements in its general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for stormwater discharges.

On March 13, 2007, the People and Matrix filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2004)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2004)). See 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). Under the proposed stipulation, Matrix admits to the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$15,000.

Unless the Board determines that a hearing is needed, the Board must cause notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. Any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If anyone timely files a written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the parties' request for relief and hold a hearing. See 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b), (c). The Board directs the Clerk of the Board to provide the required notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on April 19, 2007, by a vote of 3-0.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk

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