## ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD June 7, 2007

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
Complainant,	)	
v.	)	PCB 07-49
CITY OF WOODSTOCK, an Illinois municipal corporation,	) )	(Enforcement - Water)
Respondent.	)	

## OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by A.S. Moore):

On December 21, 2006, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a two-count complaint against the City of Woodstock (Woodstock). The complaint concerns the Woodstock South Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 800 Diekman Street in Woodstock, McHenry County. The parties now seek to settle. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the parties' stipulation and proposed settlement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/1 et seq. (2004)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board on behalf of the People to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements. See 415 ILCS 5/31 (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Woodstock violated Section 12(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/12(b) (2004)) and Section 309.202(a) of the Board's water pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.202(a)) by constructing a wastewater spray irrigation system without a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The People also allege that Woodstock violated Section 12(f) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(f) (2004)) by constructing a wastewater spray irrigation system without authorization and thus allowing effluent to be discharged in violation of Woodstock's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

On April 17, 2007, the People and Woodstock 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)), which requires that the public have an opportunity to request a hearing whenever the State and a respondent propose settling an enforcement action without a public hearing. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in *The Woodstock Independent* on April 25, 2007. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. The Board grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b).

Section 103.302 of the Board's procedural rules sets forth the required contents of stipulations and proposed settlements. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.302. These requirements include stipulating to facts on the nature, extent, and causes of the alleged violations and the nature of Woodstock's operations. Section 103.302 also requires that the parties stipulate to facts called for by Section 33(c) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2004)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. The People and Woodstock have satisfied Section 103.302. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2004)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Woodstock does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$2,300. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposed settlement.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

## **ORDER**

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. Woodstock must pay a civil penalty of \$2,300 no later than Monday, July 9, 2007, which is the first business day after the 30th day after the date of this order. Woodstock must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and designated to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and Woodstock's federal employer identification number, 36-6006165, must be included on the certified check or money order.
- 3. Woodstock must send the certified check or money order to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services Section 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

4. A copy of the certified check or money order must be sent to:

Katherine M. Hausrath Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau 69 W. Washington St., 18th Floor Chicago, IL 60602

5. 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)).

6. Woodstock must cease and desist from the alleged violations.

## 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, John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on June 7, 2007, by a vote of 4-0.

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board