## ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD September 6, 2007

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
Complainant,	)	
v.	)	PCB 05-219 (Enforcement, BCRA)
CONAIR CORPORATION, a Delaware	)	(Enforcement–RCRA)
corporation,	)	
Respondent.	)	

## OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by N.J. Melas):

On June 27, 2005, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a complaint against Conair Corporation. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204. The complaint concerns Conair Corporation's personal care products packaging facility at 205 Shelhouse Drive, Rantoul, Champaign County.

The People allege that, in 2004, Conair Corporation violated Sections 9(b); 21(a), (e), (f), and (i); and 22.48 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/9(b); 21(a), (e), (f), and (i); and 22.48 (2006)) and 35 III. Adm. Code 201.142; 703.121(a)(1); 703.150; 722.134(a), (c), and (e); 722.141(a); 722.142(a); 725.113(a) and (b); 725.114(c); 725.115(a), (b), and (d); 725.116(a) through (d); 725.152(a), (c), (d) and (e); 725.133; 725.137; 725.153; 725.155; 725.212(a); 725.242(a); 725.243; 725.273(a); 725.274; and 808.121(a).

The People further allege that Conair Corporation violated these provisions by (1) constructing and operating a source of air pollution without a permit; (2) violating hazardous waste generator standards relating to the accumulation of hazardous waste and the packaging or storage of universal waste and special waste; (3) violating hazardous waste analysis, analysis plan, analytical results record retention, and posting of warning signs in a hazardous waste management area of the hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility standards; (4) violating hazardous waste employee training requirements; (5) violating hazardous waste permit requirements; (6) violating hazardous waste reporting requirements; (7) violating hazardous waste contingency planning requirements; (8) failing to test emergency equipment and to notify and familiarize local emergency personnel; (9) failing to perform equipment inspections; and (10) violating hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility closure plan requirements.

On July 5, 2007, the People and Conair Corporation 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) (2006)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2006)). See 35 III. 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 Rantoul Press* on August 8, 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) (2006); 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 Oasis Industries' 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) (2006)). The People and Conair Corporation have satisfied Section 103.302. Conair Corporation does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations but agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$60,000. The stipulation states that payment has been tendered to respondent's attorney, who will make the required payment. 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. Conair Corporation must pay a civil penalty of \$60,000. Conair Corporation's attorney must make the \$60,000 payment no later than Tuesday, October 9, 2007, which is the first business day after the 30th day after the date of this order. Conair Corporation's attorney must pay the civil penalty by certified check, money order, or electronic funds transfer payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and designated to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and Conair Corporation's federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check, money order, or electronic funds transfer.
- 3. Conair Corporation's attorney must send the certified check, money order, or electronic funds transfer 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, money order, or record of electronic funds transfer and any transmittal letter must be sent to:

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- 5. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2006)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2006)).
- 6. Conair Corporation 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) (2006); *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 September 6, 2007, by a vote of 4-0.

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board

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