

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
March 20, 2008

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
Complainant,)
) AC 08-11
v.) (IEPA No. 336-07-AC)
) (Administrative Citation)
KEN and ELLA COOK,)
)
Respondents.)

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

On December 14, 2007, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (complainant) timely filed an administrative citation against Ken and Ella Cook (respondents). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.202(c). The administrative citation concerns respondents' property located at 1607 North Park in Herrin, Williamson County. For the reasons below, the Board finds that respondents violated the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2006)) and orders respondents to pay three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) in civil penalties.

Under the Act, an administrative citation is an expedited enforcement action brought before the Board seeking civil penalties that are fixed by statute. Administrative citations may be filed only by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or, if the Agency has delegated the authority, by a unit of local government, and only for limited types of alleged violations at sanitary landfills or unpermitted open dumps. *See* 415 ILCS 5/3.305, 3.445, 21(o), (p), 31.1(c), 42(b)(4), (4-5) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.

In this case, complainant alleges that respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1) and 21(p)(7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(7) (2006)) by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter and by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris or clean construction or demolition debris. Complainant asks the Board to impose a \$3,000 civil penalty on respondents. As required, complainant served the administrative citation on respondents within "60 days after the date of the observed violation." 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2006); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(c), 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. *See* 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due on January 18, 2008. Respondents

failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1) and 21(p)(7) of the Act.

The civil penalty for violating any provision of subsection (p) of Section 21 is \$1,500 for each violation, except that the penalty amount is \$3,000 for each violation that is the person's second or subsequent adjudicated violation of that provision. *See* 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there are two violations of Section 21(p) and no allegations of any second or subsequent adjudicated violations, the total civil penalty is \$3,000. 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 Ken and Ella Cook violated Sections 21(p)(1) and 21(p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act.
2. Ken and Ella Cook must pay a civil penalty of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) no later than April 21, 2008, which is the first business day after the 30th day after the date of this order. Ken and Ella Cook must pay the civil penalty certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and the social security number of Ken Cook or Ella Cook must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Ken and Ella Cook must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

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

4. 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)).
5. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violations continue.

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 Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on March 20, 2008, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John T. Therriault". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

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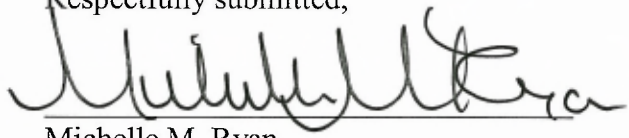
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NOTICE OF FILING

To: Ken and Ella Cook
 713 N 13th Street
 Herrin, IL 62948

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I mailed for filing with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois the following instrument(s) entitled ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION, AFFIDAVIT, and OPEN DUMP INSPECTION CHECKLIST.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle M. Ryan
 Assistant Counsel

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
 1021 North Grand Avenue East
 P.O. Box 19276
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Dated: December 11, 2007

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JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by Section 31.1 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2006).

FACTS

1. That Ken and Ella Cook are the present owners ("Respondents") of a facility located at 1607 North Park in Herrin, Williamson County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Herrin/Cook.
2. That said facility is an open dump operating without an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit and is designated with Site Code No. 1990405076.
3. That Respondents have owned said facility at all times pertinent hereto.
4. That on November 15, 2007, Phillip Fatka of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Marion Regional Office inspected the above-described facility. A copy of his inspection report setting forth the results of said inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Phillip Fatka during the course of his November 15, 2007 inspection of the above-named facility, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Respondents have violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (hereinafter, the "Act") as follows:

- (1) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, a violation of Section 21(p)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2006).

- (2) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris or clean construction or demolition debris, a violation of Section 21(p)(7) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7) (2006).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006), Respondents are subject to a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for each of the violations identified above, for a total of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). If Respondents elect not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the statutory civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than January 31, 2008, unless otherwise provided by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

If Respondents elect to contest this Administrative Citation by petitioning the Illinois Pollution Control Board in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2006), and if the Illinois Pollution Control Board issues a finding of violation as alleged herein, after an adjudicatory hearing,

Respondents shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Those hearing costs shall be assessed in addition to the One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$1,500.00) statutory civil penalty for each violation.

Pursuant to Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2006), if Respondents fail to petition or elect not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service, the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall adopt a final order, which shall include this Administrative Citation and findings of violation as alleged herein, and shall impose the statutory civil penalty specified above.

When payment is made, Respondents' check shall be made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and mailed to the attention of Fiscal Services, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Along with payment, Respondents shall complete and return the enclosed Remittance Form to ensure proper documentation of payment.

If any civil penalty and/or hearing costs are not paid within the time prescribed by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, interest on said penalty and/or hearing costs shall be assessed against the Respondents from the date payment is due up to and including the date that payment is received. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General may be requested to initiate proceedings against Respondents in Circuit Court to collect said penalty and/or hearing costs, plus any interest accrued.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Respondents have the right to contest this Administrative Citation pursuant to and in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31/1 (2006). If Respondents elect to contest this Administrative Citation, then Respondents shall file a signed Petition for Review, including a Notice of Filing, Certificate of Service, and Notice of Appearance, with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, State of Illinois Center, 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. A copy of said Petition for Review shall be filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Legal Counsel at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Section 31.1 of the Act provides that any Petition for Review shall be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation or the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall enter a default judgment against the Respondent.

Douglas P. Scott
Douglas P. Scott, Director *by me*
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date: 12/11/07

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REMITTANCE FORM

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FACILITY: Herrin/Cook

SITE CODE NO.: 1990405076

COUNTY: Williamson

CIVIL PENALTY: \$3,000.00

DATE OF INSPECTION: November 15, 2007

DATE REMITTED:

SS/FEIN NUMBER:

SIGNATURE:

NOTE

Please enter the date of your remittance, your Social Security number (SS) if an individual or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) if a corporation, and sign this Remittance Form. Be sure your check is enclosed and mail, along with Remittance Form, to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Attn.: Fiscal Services, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.