ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD July 10, 2008

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Complainant,))
V.)) PCB 08-94) (Enforcement Air)
CFC INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation,) (Enforcement - Air))
Respondent.)

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

On May 30, 2008, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a three-count complaint against CFC International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (CFC). The complaint concerns CFC's operation of a coated film processing facility located at 500 State Street, Chicago Heights, Cook County. The parties now seek to settle without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the parties' stipulation and proposed settlement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2006)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that CFC violated Sections 9(b), 39.5(6)(a), and 39.5(6)(b) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/9(b), 39.5(6)(a), (b) (2006)), and Section 201.142 of the Board's air pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.142). The People allege that CFC violated these provisions by (1) constructing new emission sources without timely obtaining construction permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; (2) operating new emission sources without a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit; and (3) operating beyond the original CAAPP permit's expiration date without timely submitting a CAAPP permit renewal application.

On May 30, 2008, the People and CFC also 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)), 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 *Southtown Star* on June 4, 2008. 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. *See* 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 respondents' 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)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. CFC neither admits nor denies the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2006)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. CFC agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$60,000. The People and CFC have satisfied Section 103.302. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposed settlement.

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

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. CFC must pay a civil penalty of \$60,000 no later than August 11, 2008, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. CFC must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, designated to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case name, case number and CFC's Federal Employer Identification Number must appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
- 3. CFC must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

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

CFC must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

Jennifer A. Tomas Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Chris Pressnall Assistant Counsel Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 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. CFC must cease and desist from future violations of the Environmental Protection Act and Board regulations that were the subject of the complaint.

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 July 10, 2008, by a vote of 4-0.

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John Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board