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STREATOR PETROL PUMP,  Petitioner,	)
V.	) ) PCB No.
	) (LUST Appeal)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL	)
PROTECTION AGENCY,	)
Respondent.	)

### **NOTICE OF FILING**

To:

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board James R. Thompson Center 100 West Randolph Street Suite 11-500 Chicago, IL 60601

William D. Ingersoll Managing Attorney III. Environmental Protection Agency 1021 North Grand Ave. East Springfield, IL 62702

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we have this day filed with the office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board the *Petition for Review* a copy of which is enclosed herewith and hereby served upon you.

July 22, 2008

STREATOR PETROL PUMP

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### PETITION FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to §§ 40 and 57.8(i) of the Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/40, 5/57.8(i), and to the Board's regulations on Leaking Underground Storage Tank ("LUST") decisions, 35 ILL. ADM. CODE 105.400 *et seq.*, petitioner Streator Petrol Pump ("Streator") submits this Petition for Review of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Agency") decision attached hereto as Exhibit 1 ("Decision") denying Streator reimbursement for \$570.14 in costs incurred under the LUST program.

Pursuant to § 57.8(I) of the Act, Streator further requests the Board to order the Agency to pay Streator's legal costs for seeking payment in this appeal.

### I. THE AGENCY'S FINAL DECISION

The Decision of which review is sought is contained in Exhibit 1 hereto.

### II. Service of the Agency's Final Decision

The Decision indicates it was mailed June 17, 2008. It was received by Streator on June 19, 2008.

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III. GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

A. The Agency's contention that Streator's \$570.14 site investigation or

corrective action costs are "not reasonable" as submitted is erroneous, arbitrary

and capricious.

B. The Agency's contention that Streator's \$570.14 site investigation or

corrective action costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to

Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 III. Adm. Code 734.630(dd) is erroneous,

arbitrary and capricious.

C. The Agency's conclusion that the invoices submitted on May 14, 2008

indicate excessive markup is erroneous, arbitrary, and capricious.

IV. CONCLUSION.

For the foregoing reasons, petitioner Streator Petrol Pump respectfully

petitions the Board to reverse the denial of reimbursement in the amount of

\$570.14 and to order the Agency to pay Streator's attorneys' fees for this appeal.

July 22, 2008

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Streator Petrol Pump Attn: Salahuddin Razi

c/o Jennifer Vescogni, Southwest Bank, Acct. #0032713725

#2 Carlyle Plaza Drive Belleville, Illinois 62221

Re:

LPC #0994905035 -- LaSalle County

Streator/Petrol Pump

2108 North Bloomington Street Leaking UST Incident No. 20050571

Leaking UST FISCAL FILE

Vendans- \$3,715,50 (4) First Env. # 64434-1,422.00 #64504-1392.00 #64742-167.50 + 6884-778.50

Dear Mr. Razi:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has completed the review of your application for payment from the Underground Storage Tank Fund for the above-referenced Leaking UST incident pursuant to Section 57.8(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 732, Subpart F. This information is dated July 9, 2007 and was received by the Agency on July 10, 2007. The application for payment covers the period from January 1, 2006 to May 19, 2007. The amount requested is \$44,761.44.

The deductible amount for this claim is \$10,000.00, which was previously deducted from the billing submittal received by the Agency on October 3, 2005 for \$80,976.68. There are costs from this claim that are not being paid. Listed in Attachment A are the costs that are not being paid and the reasons these costs are not being paid.

On July 10, 2007, the Agency received your application for payment for this claim. As a result of the Agency's review of this application for payment, a voucher for \$44,191.30 will be prepared for submission to the Comptroller's Office for payment as funds become available based upon the date the Agency received your complete request for payment of this application for payment. Subsequent applications for payment that have been/are submitted will be processed based upon the date complete subsequent application for payment requests are received by the Agency. This constitutes the Agency's final action with regard to the above application(s) for payment.

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An underground storage tank owner or operator may appeal this final decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board) pursuant to Section 57.8(i) and Section 40 of the Act by filing a petition for a hearing within 35 days after the date of issuance of the final decision. However, the 35-day period may be extended for a period of time not to exceed 90 days by written notice from the owner or operator and the Illinois EPA within the initial 35-day appeal period. If the applicant wishes to receive a 90-day extension, a written request that includes a statement of the date the final decision was received, along with a copy of this decision, must be sent to the Illinois EPA as soon as possible.

For information regarding the filing of an appeal, please contact:

Dorothy Gunn, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board State of Illinois Center 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601 312/814-3620

For information regarding the filing of an extension, please contact:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Legal Counsel 1021 North Grand Avenue East Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 217/782-5544

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Doug Tolan of my staff at 217/782-6762.

Sincerely,

E. William Radlinski, Manager Planning and Reporting Section

Bureau of Land

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Attachment

cc: United Science Industries, Inc.

LCU File Doug Tolan

## Attachment A Accounting Deductions

Re: LPC #0994905035 -- LaSalle County

Streator/Petrol Pump

2108 North Bloomington Street Leaking UST Incident No. 20050571

Leaking UST FISCAL FILE

Citations in this attachment are from the Environmental Protection Act (Act), as amended by Public Act 92-0554 on June 24, 2002, and 35 Illinois Administrative Code (35 Ill. Adm. Code).

### Item # Description of Deductions

- 1. \$570.14, deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs that are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).
  - a. The actual invoices submitted May 14, 2008 indicate excessive markup:

First Environmental Labs Invoice #65745 \$273.00; Stock Item = \$487.22; \$487.22 - \$273.00 = \$214.22

First Environmental Labs Invoice #65872 \$409.50; Stock Item = \$718.50; \$718.50 - \$409.50 = \$309.00

First Environmental Labs Invoice #65894 \$31.20; Stock Item = \$78.12; \$78.12 - \$31.20 = \$46.92

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned attorney at law, hereby certify that I caused copies of the foregoing document to be served by placement in the United States Post Office Mail Box at 14<sup>th</sup> & Main Streets in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, before 6:00 p.m. this date, in sealed envelopes with proper first-class postage affixed, addressed to:

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