ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD March 19, 2009

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Respondent.

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.L. Blankenship):

On June 2, 2006, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a complaint against Quad-County Ready Mix Corporation (Quad-County Ready Mix) concerning Quad-County Ready Mix's concrete ready mix plant at 3000 Old Fullerton, Swansea, St. Clair County.. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). 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 on behalf of the People to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Quad-County Ready Mix Corporation violated Sections 9(a) and (c); 9.1(d); 9.13(b); 12(a) (d), and (f); and 21(a), (e), and (p) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/9(a) and (c); 9.1(d); 9.13(b); 12(a) (d), and (f); and 21(a), (e), and (p) (2004)); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.141; and federal regulations on National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for asbestos 40 C.F.R. §61.145(a), (b), and (c) and 61.150^{1} . The People allege that Quad-County Ready Mix Corporation violated these provisions by (1) violating asbestos-handling notification and fee payment requirements; (2) failing to follow applicable asbestos emission control procedures; (3) improperly disposing or regulated asbestos-containing materials; (4) causing or tending to cause air pollution; (5) open dumping of tires; (6) open burning; (7) causing, threatening, or allowing water pollution; and (8) causing, threatening, or

¹ Section 9.1(d)(1) of the Act prohibits persons from violating any provisions of Section 111, 112, 165 or 173 of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) or federal regulations adopted thereunder. 415 ILCS 5/9.1(d)(1) (2006). Under Section 112 of the CAA (42 U.S.C. §7412), the United States Environmental Protection Agency adopted NESHAP regulations for asbestos.

Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The complaint concerns Quad-County Ready Mix's

On February 11, 2009, the People and Quad-County Ready Mix Corporation filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (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 *Belleville News Democrat* on February 12, 2009. 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 III. 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 Quad-County Ready Mix'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) (2006)). The People and Quad-County Ready Mix have satisfied Section 103.302. Quad-County Ready Mix neither admits nor denies the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$30,000.00. 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. Quad-County Ready Mix must pay a civil penalty of \$30,000.00 no later than April 20, 2009, which is the 30th day after the date of this order. Quad-County Ready Mix must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, payable to environmental protection trust fund. The case number, case name, and Quad-County Ready Mix social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
- 3. Quad-County Ready Mix must send the certified check or money order to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services Division 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 Quad-County Ready Mix must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

> Michael D. Mankowski Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau Illinois Attorney General's Office 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 6270

- 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. Quad-County Ready Mix 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 Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on March 19, 2009, by a vote of 5-0.

John T. Therian

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board