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#### BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,

Complainant, AC 09-12

v. (IEPA No. 154-08-AC)

GEORGE R. FORD,

Respondent.

### **NOTICE OF FILING**

To: Ronald Weber and Nathan Ihnes Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP 167 West Elm Street Canton, Illinois 61520

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I electronically filed with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois the following instrument(s) entitled STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL OF RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR REVIEW.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle M. Ryan

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NOW COMES the Complainant, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AGENCY ("Illinois EPA"), by and through its attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General

Michelle M. Ryan, and the Respondent, GEORGE R. FORD ("Respondent"), by and through his

attorneys, Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP, pursuant to Sections 31.1 and 42(b)(4-5) of the

Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/3 1.1 and 42(b)(4-5) (2006), and

Section 103.180 of the Illinois Pollution Control Board's ("Board") Rules and Regulations, 35 Ill.

Adm. Code 103.180, the parties hereby enter into this STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND

DISMISSAL OF RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

("Agreement"), and in support hereof, the parties respectfully state as follows:

1. On July 9, 2008, Robert Wagner, an Environmental Protection Specialist for the Illinois EPA's Peoria Regional Office, conducted an inspection of a facility owned and operated by the Respondent. The facility is located at the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 7, North of

the baseline, Range 2 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Deerfield, Fulton County, Illinois, and is designated with Illinois EPA Site Code No. 0578060001.

- 2. On or about August 29 2008, the Illinois EPA served the Respondent with Administrative Citation No. 154-08-AC, alleging therein that the Respondent had caused or allowed open dumping at its facility on July 9, 2008, in a manner which resulted in the following occurrences: (1) litter, a violation of 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2006); (2) open burning, a violation of 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(3) (2006); and the deposition of construction or demolition debris, a violation of 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7) (2006).
- 3. On or about October 3, 2008, the Respondent filed a Petition for Review contesting the administrative citation.
- 4. In an effort to resolve this matter without the need for a hearing, the parties have engaged in settlement negotiations and have reached this Agreement and hereby tender it to the Board for approval, the terms and conditions of which are as follows:
  - a. Respondent admits that he caused or allowed open dumping resulting in open burning, a violation of 415 ILCS 5/21 (p)(3) (2006), and agrees to pay the statutory civil penalty of \$1,500.00 pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006).
  - b. Respondent agrees to pay the statutory civil penalty within 30 days of the date of the Board's order accepting this stipulation.
  - c. Respondent agrees to diligently comply with, and shall cease and desist from further violation of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.* (2006), and the Board's rules and regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitles A through H.

The waste located at the site that was the subject of this administrative citation has been removed and properly disposed of.

- e. The Illinois EPA agrees not to refer the violations that are the subject of this administrative citation to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General or any other prosecuting authority for the initiation of a civil enforcement action.
- f Respondent's Petition for Review filed with the Board on or about October 3, 2008, shall be dismissed.

WI IEREFORE, the parties request that the Board accept this Agreement and issue an order consistent with its terms and conditions.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, Complainant,

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George R. Ford

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009, send by U.S. Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office Box a true and correct copy of the following instrument(s) entitled STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL OF RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR REVIEW

To: Nathan Ihnes
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