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August 26, 2009

PCB10-18

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center, Ste. 11-500
100 West Randolph
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: ***People v. Schauble Development, LLC***

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and ten copies of a Notice of Filing, Entry of Appearance and Complaint in regard to the above-captioned matter. Please file the originals and return file-stamped copies to me in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SJ Janasie", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen J. Janasie
Environmental Bureau
500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF)
ILLINOIS,)
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Complainant,)
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vs.)
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SCHAUBLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC,)
an Illinois limited liability company,)
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Respondent.)

PCB No. 10-18
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NOTICE OF FILING

To: Schauble Development, LLC
c/o James Manning, R.A.
124 SW Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I mailed for filing with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois, a COMPLAINT, a copy of which is attached hereto and herewith served upon you. Failure to file an answer to this Complaint within 60 days may have severe consequences. Failure to answer will mean that all allegations in this Complaint will be taken as if admitted for purposes of this proceeding. If you have any questions about this procedure, you should contact the hearing officer assigned to this proceeding, the Clerk's Office or an attorney.

FURTHER, please take notice that financing may be available, through the Illinois Environmental Facilities Financing Act, 20 ILCS 3515/1 (2006), to correct the pollution alleged in the Complaint filed in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

LISA MADIGAN,
Attorney General of the
State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief
Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos
Litigation Division

BY: 

STEPHEN J. JANASIE
Assistant Attorney General
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Dated: August 26, 2009

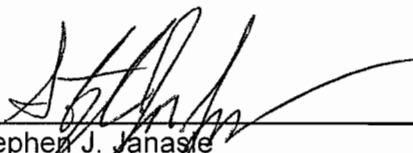
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did on August 26, 2009, send by certified mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office Box a true and correct copy of the following instruments entitled NOTICE OF FILING, ENTRY OF APPEARANCE and COMPLAINT:

To: Schauble Development, LLC
c/o James Manning, R.A.
124 SW Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61602

and the original and ten copies by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid of the same foregoing instrument(s):

To: John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
Suite 11-500
100 West Randolph
Chicago, Illinois 60601



Stephen J. Janasie
Assistant Attorney General

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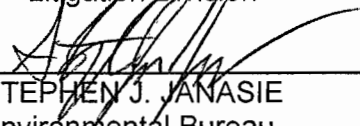
ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

On behalf of the Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, STEPHEN J. JANASIE, Assistant Attorney General of the State of Illinois, hereby enters his appearance as attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
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COMPLAINT

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by LISA M. DEAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on her own motion and at the request of the ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, complains of Respondent, SCHAUBLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC as follows:

COUNT I
WATER POLLUTION VIOLATIONS

1. This Complaint is brought by the Attorney General, on her own motion and at the request of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), pursuant to Section 31 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31 (2006).

2. The Illinois EPA is an agency of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois General Assembly in Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2006), and charged, *inter alia*, with the duty of enforcing the Act.

3. Respondent SCHAUBLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, is an Illinois limited liability company registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office and in good standing. Stephen Schauble is President, Mary C. Schauble is Secretary, and James Manning is the registered agent. Respondent is a developer/builder of residential homes in Peoria and neighboring communities.

4. Respondent is the owner of and contractor for Stonegate subdivision, Section 2, now named The Reserves at Stonegate ("Stonegate"). Stonegate totals approximately 20 acres

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and is located north of Sheridan Road and southwest of the unincorporated community of Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois. Stonegate's receiving water is Lick Creek.

5. Section 12(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2006), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

No person shall:

- a. Cause or threaten or allow the discharge of any contaminants into the environment in any State so as to cause or tend to cause water pollution in Illinois, either alone or in combination with matter from other sources, or so as to violate regulations or standards adopted by the Pollution Control Board under this Act;

* * *

6. Section 302.203 of the Illinois Pollution Control Board's Water Quality Standards, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203, provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

Offensive Conditions

Waters of the State shall be free from sludge or bottom deposits, floating debris, visible oil, odor, plant or algal growth, color or turbidity of other than natural origin.

7. Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2006), contains the following definition:

"CONTAMINANT" is any solid, liquid, or gaseous matter, any odor or any form of energy, from whatever source.

8. Section 3.545 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.545 (2006), contains the following definition:

"WATER POLLUTION" is such alteration of the physical, thermal, chemical, biological, or radioactive properties of any waters of the State, or such discharge of any contaminant into any waters of the State, as will or is likely to create a nuisance or render such water harmful or detrimental or injurious to public health, safety or welfare, or to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate uses, or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish, or other aquatic life.

9. Section 3.550 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.550 (2006), contains the following definition:

"WATERS" means all accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural, and artificial, public and private, or parts thereof, which are wholly or partially within, flow through, or border upon this State.

10. The federal Clean Water Act regulates the discharge of pollutants from a point source into navigable waters and prohibits such point source discharges without an NPDES permit. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") administers the NPDES program in each State unless the USEPA has delegated authority to do so to that State. The USEPA has authorized the State of Illinois to issue NPDES permits through the Illinois EPA in compliance with federal regulations.

11. Storm water discharges are regulated by 40 CFR 122.26, which requires a person to obtain an NPDES permit and to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan for construction activity including clearing, grading and excavation:

(a) Permit requirement.

(1) Prior to October 1, 1994, discharges composed entirely of storm water shall not be required to obtain a NPDES permit except:

* * *

(ii) A discharge associated with industrial activity (see § 122.26(a)(4));

* * *

(b) Definitions.

* * *

(14) Storm water discharge associated with industrial activity means the discharge from any conveyance that is used for collecting and conveying storm water and that is directly related to manufacturing, processing or raw materials storage areas at an industrial plant. . . . The following categories of facilities are considered to be engaging in "industrial activity" for purposes of paragraph (b)(14):

* * *

(x) Construction activity including clearing, grading and excavation, except operations that result in the disturbance of less than five acres of total land area. Construction activity also includes the disturbance of less than five acres of total land area that is a part of a larger common plan of

development or sale if the larger common plan will ultimately disturb five acres or more;

* * *

12. On November 30, 2006, James KammueLLer ("inspector") of the Illinois EPA's Peoria Regional Office performed an inspection at Stonegate. At that time, Respondent had two homes under construction, but these construction sites lacked adequate erosion and sediment controls. Also, Respondent had not completed the road paving work in Stonegate.

13. On November 30, 2006, sediment from the construction sites and the road bed was entering two storm inlets at the northwest corner of the property. The sediment was entering beneath the silt fence covering the street inlet and the curb inlet was unprotected.

14. On May 16, 2007, the inspector re-inspected Stonegate. At that time, Respondent had two homes under construction, but these construction sites lacked adequate erosion and sediment controls. Also, Respondent's vacant and barren lots lacked adequate erosion and sediment controls.

15. On May 16, 2007, sediment and muddy water was present in the street at several locations. The street inlet silt fence had been removed. Sediment was also present downstream of the west side storm sewer outfall, and Lick Creek contained turbidity of other than natural origin.

16. On April 22, 2008, the inspector re-inspected Stonegate. At that time, Respondent had placed mulch-filled socks on vacant lot areas, but these socks were not properly maintained. Respondent had not placed adequate erosion and sediment control measures at home construction sites. Additionally, Respondent had left the curb storm inlets unprotected and the silt fence covering the street inlets was not secured.

17. Respondent caused or threatened water pollution in Lick Creek by failing

to provide adequate stormwater pollution controls at Stonegate, in violation of Section 12(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2006).

18. Respondent also caused waters of the State to contain turbidity of other than natural origin, by discharging contaminant-laden stormwater runoff into Lick Creek, in violation of Section 302.203 of the Illinois Pollution Control Board's Water Quality Standards, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Complainant, the People of the State of Illinois, respectfully requests that this Board grant the following relief:

A. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondent will be required to answer the allegations herein;

B. Finding that the Respondent has violated the Act and regulations as alleged herein;

C. Ordering Respondent to cease and desist from any further violations of the Act and associated regulations;

D. Pursuant to Section 42(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(a) (2006), imposing a civil penalty of not more than the statutory maximum; and

E. Granting such other relief as the Board deems appropriate.

COUNT II **NPDES PERMIT VIOLATIONS**

1-14. Complainant realleges and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 4 and paragraphs 7 through 16 of Count I as paragraphs 1 through 14 of this Count II.

15. Section 12(f) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(f) (2006), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

No person shall:

* * *

- f. Cause, threaten or allow the discharge of any contaminant into the waters of the State, as defined herein, including but not limited to, waters to any sewage works, or into any well or from any point source within the State, without an NPDES permit for point source discharges issued by the Agency under Section 39(b) of this Act, or in violation of any term or condition imposed by such permit, or in violation of any NPDES permit filing requirement established under Section 39(b), or in violation of any regulations adopted by the Board or of any order adopted by the Board with respect to the NPDES program.

* * *

16. Section 309.102(a) of the Board's Water Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.102(a), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

NPDES Permit Required

- a) Except as in compliance with the provisions of the Act, Board regulations, and the CWA, and the provisions and conditions of the NPDES permit issued to the discharger, the discharge of any contaminant or pollutant by any person into the waters of the State from a point source or into a well shall be unlawful.

17. Respondent violated the terms of its NPDES permit number ILR10E451 by failing to implement adequate erosion controls at the site, in violation of Section 12(f) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(f) (2006).

18. Respondent violated the terms of its NPDES permit number ILR10E451 by discharging sediment-laden runoff into Lick Creek, a water of the State, in violation of Section 309.102(a) of the Board's Water Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.102(a).

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