## ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 15, 2010

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
Complainant,	)	
v.	)	PCB 09-75 (Enforcement)
ANDALUSIA VENTURES, L.L.C., an Illinois corporation,	)	(Emorcement)
Respondent.	) )	

## OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C.K. Zalewski):

On April 7, 2009, under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2008<sup>1</sup>)), the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a complaint against Andalusia Ventures, LLC (Andalusia). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204. The complaint concerns Andalusia's residential housing development, known as Fancy Creek Crossing (Fancy Creek), located at 101st Street West and Andalusia Road (Route 92), Andalusia, Rock 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 Act (415 ILCS 5 (2008)), 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 (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Andalusia violated Sections 12(a) and 12(f) of the Act, (415 ILCS 5/12(a), (f) (2008)), and Sections 302.203 and 309.102(a) of the Board's water pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203, and 309.102(a)). The People further allege that, beginning in 2006 through at least July 2009, Andalusia violated these provisions by discharging sediment of other than natural origin into a receiving stream, thereby causing or threatening to cause water pollution; and, by failing to submit accurate incidents of noncompliance letters and reports, and failing to have on site storm water pollution prevention plan and rainfall reports.

On February 18, 2010, the People and Andalusia 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) (2008)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2008)), 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 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 *Moline Dispatch* on March 9, 2010. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. The Board

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All citations to the Act will be to the 2008 compiled statutes, unless the provision at issue has been substantively amended in the 2008 compiled statutes.

grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2008); 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 Andalusia'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) (2008)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. Andalusia admits the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2008)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Andalusia agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$8,000. The People and Andalusia 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.

## **ORDER**

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. Andalusia Ventures, LLC (Andalusia) must pay a civil penalty of \$8,000 no later than May 17, 2010, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Andalusia must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case name, case number, and Andalusia's federal tax identification number must appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
- 3. Andalusia 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

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

Raymond J. Callery Environmental Bureau Illinois Attorney General's Office 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62706

- 4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2008)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2008)).
- 5. Andalusia 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) (2008); *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 April 15, 2010, by a vote of 5-0.

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board

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