

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
March 17, 2011

GREEN OIL COMPANY,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PCB 11-56
	)	(UST Appeal)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL	)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G. T. Girard):

On March 2, 2011, Green Oil Company (Green) timely filed a petition asking the Board to review an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (Agency) determination. *See* 415 ILCS 5/40(a)(1) (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 105.402, 105.404. The Agency's determination concerns Green's leaking underground storage tank (UST) site located in Greenville, Bond County. For the reasons below, the Board accepts Green's petition for hearing.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2008)), the Agency decides whether to approve proposed cleanup plans and budgets for leaking UST sites, as well as requests for cleanup cost reimbursement from the State's UST Fund, which consists of UST fees and motor fuel taxes. If the Agency disapproves or modifies a submittal, the UST owner or operator may appeal the decision to the Board. *See* 415 ILCS 5/40(a)(1), 57-57.17 (2008); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.Subpart D. In this case, the Agency denied part of Green's request for reimbursement from the UST Fund. Green appeals on the grounds that the Agency improperly: 1) deducted early action costs associated with Tank 5, 2) reduced costs for the destruction and replacement of concrete, 3) eliminated the cost of removing the canopy, 4) reduced the personnel costs for concrete replacement, 5) deducted handling charges for landfill, backfill or concrete costs, and 6) reduced the handling charges for the canopy removal. Green's petition meets the content requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.408.

The Board accepts the petition for hearing. Green has the burden of proof. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.112(a). Hearings will be based exclusively on the record before the Agency at the time the Agency issued its determination. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.412. Accordingly, though the Board hearing affords petitioner the opportunity to challenge the Agency's reasons for its decision, information developed after the Agency's decision typically is not admitted at hearing or considered by the Board. *See Alton Packaging Corp. v. PCB*, 162 Ill. App. 3d 731, 738, 516 N.E.2d 275, 280 (5th Dist. 1987); *Community Landfill Co. & City of Morris v. IEPA*, PCB 01-170 (Dec. 6, 2001), *aff'd sub nom. Community Landfill Co. & City of Morris v. PCB & IEPA*, 331 Ill. App. 3d 1056, 772 N.E.2d 231 (3rd Dist. 2002).

Hearings will be scheduled and completed in a timely manner, consistent with the decision deadline (*see* 415 ILCS 5/40(a)(2) (2008)), which only Green may extend by waiver (*see* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.308). If the Board fails to take final action by the decision deadline, Green may deem its request granted. *See* 415 ILCS 5/40(a)(2) (2008). Currently, the decision deadline is June 30, 2011, which is the 120th day after the date on which the Board received the petition, March 2, 2011. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.114. The Board meeting immediately before the decision deadline is scheduled for June 16, 2011.

Unless the Board or the hearing officer orders otherwise, the Agency must file the entire record of its determination by April 1, 2011, which is 30 days after the Board received Green's petition. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.410(a). If the Agency wishes to seek additional time to file the record, it must file a request for extension before the date on which the record is due to be filed. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.116. The record must comply with the content requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.410(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on March 17, 2011, by a vote of 5-0.



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John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board