

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
April 5, 2012

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
 Complainant,)
)
 v.) PCB 11-74
) (Enforcement)
ADOLF M. LO and RENEE C. LO, d/b/a)
LO FARMS)
)
 Respondents.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by T. A. Holbrook):

On April 22, 2011, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a two-count complaint against Adolf M. Lo and Renee C. Lo d/b/a/ Lo Farms (respondents). The complaint concerns respondents' agricultural facility located at 1404 North Rising Road, Champaign, Champaign County. The parties now seek to settle without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the parties' stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2010)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2010); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that respondents violated Sections 9(a), 9(c), and 21(e) of the Act. The People allege respondents violated these provisions by (1) causing, threatening, or allowing the emission of contaminants into the environment so as to cause or tend to cause air pollution; (2) causing or allowing the open burning of refuse at a site that does not meet the requirements of the Act; and (3) disposing, treating, storing, or abandoning waste at a site that does not meet the requirements of the Act.

On March 30, 2012, the People and respondents 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) (2010)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2010)), 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 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). Under the proposed stipulation, the respondents admit the alleged violation and agree to pay a civil penalty of \$10,000.00.

Unless the Board determines that a hearing is needed, the Board must cause notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. Any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If anyone timely files a written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the parties' request for relief and hold a

hearing. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2010); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b), (c). The Board directs the Clerk to provide the required notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on April 5, 2012, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John T. Therriault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board