ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD January 10, 2013

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,))	
v.))	PCB
DANIEL LEE SZAFRANSKI, individually)	(Enfo
and as Trustee of the DANIEL LEE)	
SZAFRANSKI TRUST,)	
Respondent.)	

PCB 13-5 (Enforcement - Land)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.A. Burke):

On July 26, 2012, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a seven-count complaint against Daniel Lee Szafranski, individually and as Trustee of the Daniel Lee Szafranski Trust (collectively, respondent). The complaint concerns the respondent's property at 901 West Marquette, Ottawa, LaSalle 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 Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2010)), 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 (2010); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that the respondent violated Sections 21(a), (d)(1), (d)(2), (e), (p)(1), (p)(7) and Sections 55(a)(1), (c), (e) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(a), (d)(1), (d)(2), (e), (p)(1), (p)(7), 55(a)(1), (c), (e) (2010)) and 35 Ill. Admin. Code 722.111, 808.121(a), 812.101(a) and 848.202(b)(4), (5). According to the complaint, the respondent violated these provisions by causing or allowing open dumping resulting in litter and in deposition of general construction or demolition debris and clean construction or demolition debris, conducting a waste disposal operation without a permit to develop or operate a landfill, failure to determine whether waste was hazardous or special waste, causing or allowing the open dumping of used or waste tires, failure to notify the Agency that respondent was operating a used tire disposal site, disposing of and failing to prevent accumulation of water in used or waste tires at the site, and by failing to alter, reprocess, convert or cover used tires.

On November 29, 2012, the People and the respondent 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). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in *The Times*

on December 12, 2012. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. The Board grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2010); 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 III. Adm. Code 103.302. These requirements include stipulating to facts on the nature, extent, and causes of the alleged violations and the nature of the respondent'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) (2010)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. The respondent admits the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2010)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. The respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.00. The People and the respondent 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.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. Daniel Lee Szafranski, individually and as Trustee of the Daniel Lee Szafranski Trust (collectively, respondent) must pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.00 no later than Monday, February 11, 2013, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. The respondent 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 the respondent's federal tax identification number must appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
- 3. The respondent must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

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

Nancy J. Tikalsky Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau Illinois Attorney General's Office 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60602

- 4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2010)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2010)).
- 5. The respondent 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) (2010); *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 T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on January 10, 2013 by a vote of 5-0.

John T. Theriant

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board