

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 11, 2013

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 11-88
)	(Enforcement - Water)
SUPER MIX, INC., an Illinois corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

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

On May 31, 2011, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a four-count complaint against Super Mix, Inc. (Super Mix). The complaint concerns Super Mix’s operations at its facility located at 2203 Spring Ridge Drive in Spring Grove, McHenry County. The parties now seek to settle the complaint 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 Super Mix violated Sections 12(a) and 12(f) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(a), 12(f) (2010)), Section 309.204(a) of the Board’s water pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.204(a)) and Conditions C(1)(a) and C(1)(b)(i) of Super Mix’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. ILR006479. According to the complaint, Super Mix violated these provisions by (1) failing to properly control wash water and industrial waste storm water discharges from its site and allowing the discharge of wash water and industrial waste storm water into waters of the State, thereby causing, threatening, or allowing water pollution; (2) causing, threatening, or allowing the discharge of contaminants from a point source into navigable waters without a site-specific NPDES permit for the discharges; (3) failing to develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) in conformance with its NPDES permit; (4) causing or allowing the use or operation of a treatment works without an operating permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; and (5) causing, threatening, or allowing the discharge of contaminants into the environment so as to violate Board regulations or standards.

On May 24, 2013, the People and Super Mix 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

Northwest Herald on June 8, 2013. 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 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 Super Mix'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. Super Mix neither admits nor denies 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. Super Mix agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$10,000. The People and Super Mix 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. Super Mix must pay a civil penalty of \$10,000 no later than August 12, 2013, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Super Mix 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 and case number must appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
3. Super Mix must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services #2
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

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

Jennifer A. Van Wie
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. Super Mix must cease and desist from future violations of the Environmental Protection Act, Board regulations, and NPDES permit 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, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on July 11, 2013, by a vote of 4-0.



John T. Therriault, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board