ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD September 19, 2013

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,))	
v.)	PCB 14-5
)	(Enforcement - Water)
)	
A.C. PAVEMENT STRIPING CO.,)	
an Illinois corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by D. Glosser):

On July 11, 2013, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a four-count complaint against A.C. Pavement Striping Co. (A.C. Pavement). The complaint concerns A.C. Pavement's business facility located at 695 Church Road in Elgin, Kane County and alleged water pollution in Tyler Creek located adjacent to the business facility at Illinois Route 31 in Elgin, Kane 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 (2012)), 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 (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that A.C. Pavement violated Section 12(a), 12(d), and 12(f) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(a), (d) and (f) (2012)) and Sections 302.203 and 309.102(a) of the Board's water pollution rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203 and 309.102(a)). According to the complaint, respondents violated these provisions by 1) causing, threatening, or allowing the discharge of paint into waters of the State and causing or tending to cause water pollution; 2) depositing contaminants onto a parking lot in a place and manner that created a water pollution hazard; 3) depositing paint onto a parking lot with a storm sewer that connected the Creek to the facility and thereby causing offensive conditions in waters of the State; and, 4) failing to obtain an NPDES permit for the discharge of contaminants into the storm sewer in the parking lot of the facility and the creek.

On July 11, 2013, the People and A.C. Pavement 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) (2012)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2012)), 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 *Elgin*

Courier-News on August 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) (2012); 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 A.C. Pavement'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) (2012)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. A.C. Pavement did not affirmatively admit to the alleged violations and agreed to pay a civil penalty of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2012)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. The People and A.C. Pavement 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. A.C. Pavement Striping Co. (A.C. Pavement) must pay a civil penalty of \$15,000 no later than October 21, 2013, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. A.C. Pavement 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 A.C. Pavement's federal tax identification number must appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
- 3. A.C. Pavement 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

A.C. Pavement must send a copy of the certified check, money order and any transmittal letter to:

Jennifer A. VanWie 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) (2012)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2012)).
- 5. A.C. Pavement must cease and desist from future violations of the Act and Board Regulations that were the subject matter 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) (2012); *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 order on September 19, 2013, by a vote of 4-0.

In T. Thereau

John T. Therriault, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board