ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 2, 2015

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	AC 15-32
)	(IEPA No. 39-15-AC)
JAMIE and ANGELA HOLLON,)	(Administrative Citation)
)	
Respondents.)	

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

On February 9, 2015, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against Jamie and Angela Hollon (respondents). The administrative citation concerns respondents' facility located at R.R.2, Box 170A, Bassett Blacktop, Elizabethtown, Hardin County. The property is commonly known to the Agency as the "Elizabethtown/Hollon, Jamie & Angela" site and is designated with Site Code No. 0690105017 For the reasons below, the Board finds that the respondent violated the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2014)) and orders the respondent to pay \$7,500 in civil penalties.

Under the Act, an administrative citation is an expedited enforcement action brought before the Board seeking civil penalties that are fixed by statute. Administrative citations may be filed only by the Agency or, if the Agency has delegated the authority, by a unit of local government, and only for limited types of alleged violations. *See* 415 ILCS 5/21(o), 21(p), 22.51, 22.51a, 31.1(c), 42(b)(4), 42(b)(4-5), 55(k) (2014); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.

In this case, the Agency alleges that on January 2, 2015, respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1), (p)(7), and 55(k)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(7), and 55(k)(1) (2014)) by open dumping waste leading to litter, caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris, or clean construction or demolition debris, and causing or allowing water to accumulate in used waste tires. The Agency asks the Board to impose the statutory civil penalty of \$3,000 per violation on respondents for the violations of Section 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) as this is a second violation of these provisions and a \$1,500 statutory civil penalty for the violation of Section 55(k)(1). The Agency seeks a total civil penalty of \$7,500. As required, the Agency served respondents with the administrative citation on February 11, 2014, which is within "60 days after the date of the observed violation." 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2014); see also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(c), 108.202(b).

To contest an administrative citation, a respondent must file a petition with the Board no later than 35 days after being served with the administrative citation. If the respondent fails to do so, the Board must find that the respondent committed the violations alleged and impose the

corresponding civil penalty. See 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2014); 35 III. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due by March 18, 2015. Respondents failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1), (p)(7), and 55(k)(1), of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(7), and 55(k)(1) (2014)).

The civil penalty for violating any provision of Section 21(p) is \$1,500 for each violation, except that the penalty amount is \$3,000 for each violation that is the person's second or subsequent adjudicated violation of that provision. *See* 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2014); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). There are two violations of Section 21(p): 1) \$3,000 each for a second or subsequent adjudicated violation of Sections 21(p)(1) and 21(p)(7) and (IEPA v. Jamie & Angela Hollon, AC 15-03 (August 21, 2014)) and; 2) one violation of Section 55(k)(1), which is subject to \$1,500 as a first violation, the total civil penalty is \$7,500. Under Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, the Board attaches the administrative citation and makes it part of the order below.

This opinion constitutes the Board's finding of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

- 1. The Board finds that Jamie & Angela Hollon (respondents) violated Sections 21(p)(1), (p)(7), and 55(k)(1), of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(7), and 55(k)(1) (2014)).
- 2. Respondents must pay a civil penalty of \$7,500 no later than May 4, 2015 which is the 30th day after the date of this order. Respondents must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and respondents' social security numbers or federal employer identification numbers must be included on the certified check or money order.
- 3. Respondents must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

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

- 4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2014)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2014)).
- 5. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violation continues.

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) (2014); 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 April 2, 2015, by a vote of 5-0.

John T. Therriault, Clerk

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