## ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 16, 2015

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
Complainant,	)	
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v.	)	PCB 15-109
	)	(Enforcement - Air)
GOLD STANDARD BAKING, INC., an	)	
Illinois corporation,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

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

On December 11, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a five-count complaint against Gold Standard Baking, Inc. (GSB). The complaint concerns GSB's bakery located at 3700 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Cook 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 GSB violated Sections 9(a), 9(b), 39.5(5)(x), 39.5(6)(b) of the Act and Sections 201.142, 203.201, 205.150(c), 205.200, 205.300(a), and 205.310(a)(3) of the Board's Air Pollution Regulations, and Section 254.132(b) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (Agency) air pollution regulations. 415 ILCS 5/9(a), 9(b), 39.5(5)(x), 39.5(6)(b) (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.142, 203.201, 205.150(c), 205.200, 205.300(a), 205.310(a)(3), 254.132(b). The People further allege respondent violated these provisions by operating an air pollution source without a permit, constructing an air emission source without a permit, failing to comply with emission reduction market system requirements, failing to submit complete and accurate seasonal emissions reports, and failing to hold allotment trading units for seasonal emissions.

On February 20, 2015, the People and GSB 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 *Chicago Sun Times* on March 16, 2015. 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 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 GSB'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. GSB does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations. 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. GSB agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$25,000. The People and GSB 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. Gold Standard Baking, Inc. (GSB) must pay a civil penalty of \$25,000 no later than May 18, 2015, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. GSB 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. GSB 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

GSB 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) (2012)) at the rate

set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2012)).

5. GSB 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) (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 April 16, 2015, by a vote of 5 to 0.

John T. Therriault, Clerk

Illinois Pollution Control Board