ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD July 23, 2015

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
V.)	PCB 16-004
)	(Enforcement - Water)
CITY OF TOULON,)	
an Illinois municipal corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by D. Glosser):

On July 8, 2015, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a two-count complaint against the City of Toulon (respondent). The complaint concerns respondent's wastewater treatment plant located on Rural Route #1 in Toulon, Stark County. Accompanying the complaint was a stipulation, proposal for settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. The parties therefore seek to settle the complaint without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the complaint and directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for hearing relief.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2014)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2014); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that respondent violated Sections 12(a) and (f) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(a) and (f) (2014)) and Section 305.102(a) and (b) of the Board's Regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 305.102(a) and (b)). According to the complaint, respondent violated these provisions by failing to timely submit sludge management, discharge monitoring, and annual fiscal reports that were required under the terms of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Board finds that the complaint meets the applicable content requirements of the Board's procedural rules and accepts the complaint. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(c).

On July 8, 2015, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and 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) (2014)). These filings together are authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2014)), 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). Under the proposed stipulation, the respondent admits the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$3,888.

Unless the Board determines that a hearing is needed, the Board must cause notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. Any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If anyone timely files a written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the parties' request for relief and hold a hearing. See 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2014); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b),(c). The Board directs the Clerk to provide the required notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John T. Therriault, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on July 23, 2015, by a vote of 5-0.

John T. Therriault, Clerk

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