

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

August 6, 2015

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) PCB 16-035
) (Enforcement - Land)
AMERICAN WOOD RECYCLING, INC.,)
)
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by D. Glosser):

On July 30, 2015, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a two-count complaint against American Wood Recycling, Inc. (respondent). The complaint concerns respondent's landscape waste transfer station located at 2550 Beverly Road in Hoffman Estates, Cook 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 Section 21(d)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(d)(1) (2014)) and conditions of respondent's operating permit number 2008-067-SP. The People allege that respondent violated this provision by receiving more than 500 tons of landscape waste and storing the waste at its facility for more than 24 hours after being received and processed. 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 30, 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)). This filing is 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 \$6,000.

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 August 6, 2015, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Therriault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

John T. Therriault, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board