

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
September 17, 2015

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
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v.	)	PCB 16-35
	)	(Enforcement – Land)
AMERICAN WOOD RECYCLING, INC.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.M. Keenan):

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. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the parties’ stipulation and proposed settlement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2014)), 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 (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.

On July 30, 2015, 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). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in the *Daily Herald* on August 14, 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) (2014); 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 respondent’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) (2014)), which bears on the

reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. Respondent admits the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2014)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$6,000. The People and respondent 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.

### **ORDER**

1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
2. Respondent must pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 no later than October 19, 2015, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Respondent 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. Respondent 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

Respondent must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

Ryan G. Rudich  
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) (2014)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2014)).
5. The Respondent shall cease and desist from future violations of the Act 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) (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 order on September 17, 2015, by a vote of 5-0.



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John T. Therriault, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board