ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD January 21, 2016

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

On October 11, 2012, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency filed with the Board an administrative citation against Thomas E. Barker, John H. Barker, and Debra L. Barker. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2010); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.202(c). The citation alleges open dumping of waste in a matter resulting in litter and proliferation of disease vectors and accumulation of water in used or waste tires, violating 415 ILCS 21(p)(1), 21(p)(5), and 55(k)(1) (2010).

On December 24, 2015, the Agency moved to withdraw its administrative citation. This order grants the Agency's motion, dismisses the case, and closes the docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John T. Therriault, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on January 21, 2016, by a vote of 5-0.

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John T. Therriault, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,

Complainant,

V.

THOMAS E. BARKER and JOHN H. & DEBRA L. BARKER,

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(IEPA No. 226-12-AC)

Respondents.

JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by Section 31.1 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2010).

FACTS

1. That Thomas E. Barker and John H. & Debra L. Barker are the current owners ("Respondents") of a facility located at 305 South Main Street, Clay City, Clay County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Barker-Lewis.

2. That said facility is an open dump operating without an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit and is designated with Site Code No. 0250055007.

3. That Respondents have owned said facility at all times pertinent hereto.

4. That on August 30, 2012, Garrison Gross of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's ("Illinois EPA") Marion Regional Office inspected the above-described facility. A copy of the inspection report setting forth the results of said inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

OCT 1 1 2012 STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board 5. That on <u>10-5-12</u>, Illinois EPA sent this Administrative Citation via Certified Thomas E. Backer Mail No. <u>7004 2510 0001 8588 3796</u> VIOLATIONS

VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Garrison Gross during the course of the August 30, 2012 inspection of the above-named facility, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Respondents have violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (hereinafter, the "Act") as follows:

- (1) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, a violation of Section 21(p)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2010).
- (2) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in proliferation of disease vectors, a violation of Section 21(p)(5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(5) (2010).
- (3) That Respondents caused or allowed water to accumulate in used or waste tires, a violation of Section 55(k)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 55(k)(1) (2010).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2010), Respondents are subject to a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for each of the violations identified above, for a total of <u>Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00)</u>. If Respondents elect not to petition the illinois Pollution Control Board, the statutory civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than <u>November 15, 2012</u>, unless otherwise provided by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

If Respondents elect to contest this Administrative Citation by petitioning the Illinois Pollution Control Board in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2010), and if the Illinois Pollution Control Board issues a finding of violation as alleged herein, after an adjudicatory hearing, Respondents shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Those hearing costs shall be assessed in addition to the One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$1,500.00) statutory civil penalty for each violation.

Pursuant to Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2010), if Respondents fail to petition or elect not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service, the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall adopt a final order, which shall include this Administrative Citation and findings of violation as alleged herein, and shall impose the statutory civil penalty specified above.

When payment is made, Respondent's check shall be made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and mailed to the attention of Fiscal Services, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Along with payment, Respondents shall complete and return the enclosed Remittance Form to ensure proper documentation of payment.

If any civil penalty and/or hearing costs are not paid within the time prescribed by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, interest on said penalty and/or hearing costs shall be assessed against the Respondents from the date payment is due up to and including the date that payment is received. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General may be requested to initiate proceedings against Respondents in Circuit Court to collect said penalty and/or hearing costs, plus any interest accrued.

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PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Respondents have the right to contest this Administrative Citation pursuant to and in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31/1 (2010). If Respondents elect to contest this Administrative Citation, then Respondents shall file a signed Petition for Review, including a Notice of Filing, Certificate of Service, and Notice of Appearance, with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, State of Illinois Center, 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. A copy of said Petition for Review shall be filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Legal Counsel at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Section 31.1 of the Act provides that any Petition for Review shall be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation or the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall enter a default judgment against the Respondents.

Date:

10/4/12

John J. Kim, Interim Director Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Prepared by:

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REMITTANCE FORM

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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,

Complainant,

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THOMAS E. BARKER and JOHN H. & DEBRA L. BARKER,

Respondents.

SITE CODE NO.: 0250055007

COUNTY: Clay

CIVIL PENALTY: \$4,500.00

DATE OF INSPECTION: August 30, 2012

DATE REMITTED:

SS/FEIN NUMBER:

SIGNATURE:

NOTE

Please enter the date of your remittance, your Social Security number (SS) if an individual or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) if a corporation, and sign this Remittance Form. Be sure your check is enclosed and mail, along with Remittance Form, to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Attn.: Fiscal Services, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

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