ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD December 21, 2017

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,)	
V.)	PCB 18-21
TODD PARISH,)	(Enforcement – Water, NPDES)
Respondent.)	

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

On October 25, 2017, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a five-count complaint against Todd Parish. The complaint concerns Mr. Parish's confined animal feeding operation known as Sunny B Farms located at 1630 Lone Oak Road in Harrisburg, Saline, 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 (2016)), 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 (2016); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Mr. Parish violated Sections 12(a), (d), and (f) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(a), (d), and (f) (2016)), and Sections 302.203, 304.105, 304.106, 309.102(a), 501.401(e), and 502.101 of the Board regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203, 304.105, 304.106, 309.102(a), 501.401(e), and 502.101) by causing or allowing the discharge of liquid livestock waste into Bethel Creek and upon the land without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

On October 25, 2017, the People and Mr. Parish 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) (2016)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2016)), 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 *Harrisburg Register* on November 7, 2017. 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) (2016); 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 Mr. Parish'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) (2016)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. Mr. Parish admits the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2016)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Mr. Parish agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000. The People and Mr. Parish 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. Todd Parish must pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 no later than Monday, January 22, 2018, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Todd Parish 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. Todd Parish 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

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

Environmental Bureau Illinois Attorney General's Office 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62706

- 4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2016)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2016)).
- 5. Todd Parish 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) (2016); *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. Filing a motion asking that the Board reconsider this final order is not a prerequisite to appealing the order. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.902.

Names and Addresses for Receiving Service of Any Petition for Review Filed with the Appellate Court			
Parties	Board		
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Attn: Brian M. Navarrete, Asst. Atty. Genl. Environmental Bureau Illinois Attorney General's Office 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 <u>bnavarrete@atg.state.il.us</u>	Illinois Pollution Control Board Attn: Don A. Brown, Clerk James R. Thompson Center 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500 Chicago, Illinois 60601		
Todd Parish 3395 Harco Road Harrisburg, Illinois 62946			

Board Members C.M. Santos and B.K. Carter abstained.

I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on December 21, 2017, by a vote of 3-0.

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Don A. Brown, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board