ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD October 18, 2018

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
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Complainant,)	
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V.)	PCB 19-58
)	(Enforcement - Air)
CINTAS CORPORATION, a Nevada)	
corporation,)	
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Respondent.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by B.K. Carter):

On September 13, 2018, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a one-count complaint against Cintas Corporation (Cintas). The complaint concerns Cintas' property located at 6001 West 73rd Street in Bedford Park, Cook 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 Cintas violated Section 9(a) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/9(a)), Section 201.302(a) of the Board's rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a)), and Section 254.132(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a)) by failing to timely submit annual emission reports for the facility with the Agency.

On September 13, 2018, the People and Cintas 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 Chicago Sun Times on September 24, 2018. 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 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 Cintas' 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. Cintas admits the alleged violation. 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. Cintas agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000. The People and Cintas 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.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. Cintas must pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 no later than November 19, 2018, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Cintas 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. Cintas 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

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

Ellen F. O'Laughlin 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) (2016)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2016)).
- 5. Cintas 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.

Board Member C.K. Zalewski abstained.

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.

Any Petition for Review Filed with the Appellate Court		
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I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on October 18, 2018, by a vote of 4-0.

Don. A Brown, Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board