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Pollution Control Board

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 30, 2006

The Honorable Dorothy Gunn
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center, Ste. 11-500
100 West Randolph
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: ***People v. J & S Companies, Inc., et al.***
PCB 06-33

Dear Clerk Gunn:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and ten copies of a Motion for Default for J&S Companies, Inc., in regard to the above-captioned matter. Please file the original and return a file-stamped copy to me in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kristen Laughridge Gale".

Kristen Laughridge Gale
Environmental Bureau
500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
(217) 782-9031

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Enclosures

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF)
ILLINOIS,)
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 Complainant,)
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 vs.)
)
 J & S COMPANIES, INC., a Missouri)
 corporation, and FIRST CHOICE)
 CONSTRUCTION, INC., an Illinois)
 corporation,)
)
 Respondents.)

PCB No. 06-33
(Enforcement)

NOTICE OF FILING

To: J & S Companies, Inc.
c/o C T Corporation System, R.A.
208 S. LaSalle St., Ste. 814
Chicago, IL 60604-1101

J & S Companies, Inc.
c/o Daniel J. McAuliffe, R.A.
7777 Bonhamme Avenue, Ste. 2004
Clayton, MO 63105

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I mailed for filing with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois, a MOTION FOR DEFAULT FOR J&S COMPANIES, INC., a copy of which is attached hereto and herewith served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

LISA MADIGAN,
Attorney General of the
State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief
Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos
Litigation Division

BY: 
KRISTEN LAUGHRIDGE GALE
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Bureau

500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
217/782-9031
Dated: January 30, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did on January 30, 2006, send by First Class Mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, by depositing in a United States Post Office Box a true and correct copy of the following instruments entitled NOTICE OF FILING and MOTION FOR DEFAULT FOR J&S COMPANIES, INC.,

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and the original and ten copies by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid of the same foregoing instrument(s):

To: Dorothy Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
Suite 11-500
100 West Randolph
Chicago, Illinois 60601

A copy was also sent by First Class Mail with postage thereon fully prepaid to:

Carol Webb
Hearing Officer
Illinois Pollution Control Board
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62794


KRISTEN LAUGHRIDGE GALE
Assistant Attorney General

This filing is submitted on recycled paper.

5. Due to Defendant's failure to answer, or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint, Plaintiff is entitled, pursuant to Section 2-1301 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, 735 ILCS 5/2-1301 (2004), to have a finding of default entered against Defendant.

6. The Illinois Attorney General is authorized by Section 42 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42 (2004), pursue civil penalties for violations of the Act:

(a) Except as provided in this Section, any person that violates any provision of this Act or any regulation adopted by the Board, or any permit or term or condition thereof, or that violates any determination or order of the Board pursuant to this Act, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not to exceed \$50,000 for the violation and an additional civil penalty of not to exceed \$10,000 for each day during which the violation continues; such penalties may, upon order of the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction, be made payable to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, to be used in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act.

The uncontested allegations of the Complaint as well as the affidavits filed with this Motion demonstrate that Defendant has committed violations of the Act.

7. By violating the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the Defendant, J&S Companies, Inc. is subject to civil penalties under Section 42(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(a) (2004) and to injunctive relief under Section 42(e) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(e) (2004). The People request a civil penalty of \$25,000 based upon the facts cited above.

8. The Illinois General Assembly has recognized specific threats posed by improper waste disposal. In section 20 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/20 (2004), the Act in pertinent part states as follows:

Sec. 20 (a) The General Assembly finds:

- (1) that economic and population growth and new methods of manufacture, packaging, and marketing, without the parallel growth of facilities enabling an ensuring the recycling, reuse and conservation of natural resources and solid waste, have resulted in a rising tide of scrap and waste materials of all kinds;
- (2) that excessive quantities of refuse and inefficient and improper methods of refuse disposal result in scenic blight, cause serious hazards

to public health and safety, create public nuisances, divert land from more productive uses, depress the value of nearby property, offend the sense, and otherwise interfere with community life and development;

* * *

9. In this case, the improper disposal of demolition waste presented a real and serious threat to the health and general welfare of the general public in addition to degrading the quality of the land of the State. As noted in the complaint, the attached affidavit of IEPA Inspector Christopher Cahnovsky, and the attached December 30, 2003 inspection report, the demolition debris was improperly disposed of at a site which was not permitted by the Illinois EPA as a sanitary landfill nor met the requirements of the Act and regulations and the standards promulgated thereunder.

WHEREFORE, the Complainant, People of the State of Illinois, respectfully requests that this Court enter a default order and, after proper notice, following a hearing if necessary, enter a default judgment and assess a penalty against the Respondent, J&S COMPANIES, INC.

Respectfully submitted;

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
ex rel. LISA MADIGAN,
Attorney General of the
State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief
Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos
Litigation Division

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No. PCB 06-33
(Enforcement - Land)

AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER CAHNOVSKY

Upon penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that I verily believes the same to be true:

1. I, CHRISTOPHER CAHNOVSKY, am employed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), as Regional Manager in the Field Operations Section of the Bureau of Land ("BOL"). I have been employed by the Illinois EPA as Regional Manager for five years. Prior to promotion to Regional Manager, I was an Environmental Protection Specialist conducting solid waste field inspections since May 1990.

2. As part of my duties in the Bureau of Land, I am responsible for supervision of Agency personnel in all aspects of solid waste related activities, including review and commenting on all solid waste inspection reports prior to submittal to the main office. I also perform field inspections for the BOL Collinsville Region of solid waste facilities including but not limited to site visits, interviews, and records review. I have personally been involved in

approximately over 1,200 field inspections.

3. I have a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a master's degree in Environmental Science/Studies from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. I have a Professional Certification of a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager from the Institute of Hazardous Material Management.

4. As a general basis for the opinions and conclusions I provide below, I can state that general construction and demolition debris means non-hazardous, uncontaminated materials resulting from the construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition of utilities, structures, and roads, limited to the following: bricks, concrete, and other masonry materials; soil, rock; wood, including non-hazardous painted, treated, and coated wood and wood products; wall coverings; plaster; drywall; plumbing fixtures; non-asbestos insulation; roofing shingles and other roof coverings; reclaimed asphalt pavement; glass; plastics that are not sealed in a manner that conceals waste; electrical wiring and components containing no hazardous substances; and piping or metals incidental to any of those materials, as defined by Section 3.160(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.160(a).

5. I am familiar with the Illinois Attorney General's case involving and the allegations against J&S Companies, Inc. In support of the People's Motion for Default Judgment, I provide the following factual statements, personal observations, and opinions and conclusions based upon my experience and expertise.

6. On December 30, 2003, I conducted an inspection at 7401 Bunkum Road in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois. As part of the regular practice of business at the Illinois EPA, I created an inspection report of what I observed during the inspection. The inspection report was created during and after the inspection. Upon completion of the inspection report, it

was kept in the course of regularly conducted business activity at the Illinois EPA. The inspection report I created is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

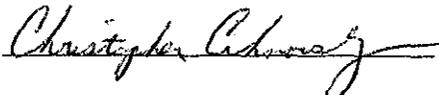
7. Photographs #1 through #12 of the attached inspection report were taken by me and truly and accurately depict the conditions that I observed at the Site on December 30, 2003.

8. I certify all factual statements, observations, and photographs within the inspection report.

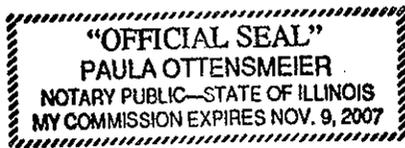
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me

this 23RD day of January, 2006.


CHRISTOPHER CAHNOVSKY

NOTARY PUBLIC



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Open Dump Inspection Checklist

County: St. Clair LPC#: 1630455275 Region: 6 - Collinsville
 Location/Site Name: East St. Louis/McKnight, Jimmy
 Date: 12/30/2003 Time: From 9:50 To 10:20 Previous Inspection Date: _____
 Inspector(s): Chris Cahnovsky Weather: ~45 F soil conditions were wet
 No. of Photos Taken: # 12 Est. Amt. of Waste: 650 yds³ Samples Taken: Yes # _____ No
 Interviewed: Jim McKnight Complaint #: _____

Responsible Party
 Mailing Address(es)
 and Phone
 Number(s):

Jim McKnight - Classic MFG, Inc.
 7401 Bunkum Road
 East St. Louis, Illinois 62204
 618/398-5966

J&S Demolition Division
 902 Cherokee Street
 St. Louis, Missouri 63118
 314/776-4000

	SECTION	DESCRIPTION	VIOL
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT REQUIREMENTS			
1.	9(a)	CAUSE, THREATEN OR ALLOW AIR POLLUTION IN ILLINOIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	9(c)	CAUSE OR ALLOW OPEN BURNING	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	12(a)	CAUSE, THREATEN OR ALLOW WATER POLLUTION IN ILLINOIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	12(d)	CREATE A WATER POLLUTION HAZARD	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	21(a)	CAUSE OR ALLOW OPEN DUMPING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6.	21(d)	CONDUCT ANY WASTE-STORAGE, WASTE-TREATMENT, OR WASTE- DISPOSAL OPERATION:	
	(1)	Without a Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(2)	In Violation of Any Regulations or Standards Adopted by the Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.	21(e)	DISPOSE, TREAT, STORE, OR ABANDON ANY WASTE, OR TRANSPORT ANY WASTE INTO THE STATE AT/TO SITES NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF ACT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8.	21(p)	CAUSE OR ALLOW THE OPEN DUMPING OF ANY WASTE IN A MANNER WHICH RESULTS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURRENCES AT THE DUMP SITE:	
	(1)	Litter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(2)	Scavenging	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(3)	Open Burning	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(4)	Deposition of Waste in Standing or Flowing Waters	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(5)	Proliferation of Disease Vectors	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(6)	Standing or Flowing Liquid Discharge from the Dump Site	<input type="checkbox"/>

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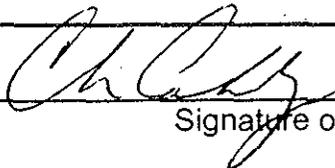
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LPC # 1630455275

Inspection Date: 12/30/2003

	(7)	Deposition of General Construction or Demolition Debris; or Clean Construction or Demolition Debris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9.	55(a)	NO PERSON SHALL:	
	(1)	Cause or Allow Open Dumping of Any Used or Waste Tire	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(2)	Cause or Allow Open Burning of Any Used or Waste Tire	<input type="checkbox"/>
35 ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REQUIREMENTS SUBTITLE G			
10.	812.101(a)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE A LANDFILL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.	722.111	HAZARDOUS WASTE DETERMINATION	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	808.121	SPECIAL WASTE DETERMINATION	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	809.302(a)	ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL WASTE FROM A WASTE TRANSPORTER WITHOUT A WASTE HAULING PERMIT, UNIFORM WASTE PROGRAM REGISTRATION AND PERMIT AND/OR MANIFEST	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER REQUIREMENTS			
14.		APPARENT VIOLATION OF: (<input type="checkbox"/>) PCB; (<input type="checkbox"/>) CIRCUIT COURT CASE NUMBER: ORDER ENTERED ON:	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	OTHER:		<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>



Signature of Inspector(s)

Informational Notes

1. [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act: 415 ILCS 5/4.
2. Illinois Pollution Control Board: 35 Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle G.
3. Statutory and regulatory references herein are provided for convenience only and should not be construed as legal conclusions of the Agency or as limiting the Agency's statutory or regulatory powers. Requirements of some statutes and regulations cited are in summary format. Full text of requirements can be found in references listed in 1. and 2. above.
4. The provisions of subsection (p) of Section 21 of the [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act shall be enforceable either by administrative citation under Section 31.1 of the Act or by complaint under Section 31 of the Act.
5. This inspection was conducted in accordance with Sections 4(c) and 4(d) of the [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act: 415 ILCS 5/4(c) and (d).
6. Items marked with an "NE" were not evaluated at the time of this inspection.

1630455275 – St. Clair County
East St. Louis/McKnight
Date of Inspection: December 30, 2003
Prepared by: Chris Cahnovsky

NARRATIVE

On December 30, 2003, I conducted an inspection at 7401 Bunkum Road in East St. Louis, Illinois. This address is the location of Classic Manufacturing, Inc. owned by Jim McKnight. Mr. Jim McKnight was present during this inspection.

I observed about 68 piles of general construction and demolition debris along the entrance road to the property. I also observed about 22 piles of general C&D debris behind the Classic Mfg. building. This general C&D debris consisted of brick, metal, plaster, paper, wood, pipe chase, wire and rebar. The paper appeared to be records associated with a school.

Mr. McKnight stated that this waste was from the Landsdowne Jr. High School and was dumped here by First Choice Trucking. Mr. Knight gave First Choice permission to dump on his property. Apparently, Mr. McKnight asked First Choice for brick to use as a road base. The material I observed during this inspection was what First Choice brought Mr. McKnight. Mr. McKnight stated that he dealt with Mike Bowman of First Choice Trucking.

According to a February 6, 2003 Construction Contract obtained by the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD), the East St. Louis Board of Education – District 189 contracted J & S Companies, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri to demolish the Landsdowne Jr. High School (Attachment 1). Through some means, First Choice brought waste from the Landsdowne demolition site to the McKnight Property. This waste meets the definition of general construction and demolition debris pursuant to Section 3.160a of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and should have gone to a permitted landfill.

This site first came to the attention of the Illinois EPA on November 21, 2003 when a drive-by inspection was conducted by Mike Grant and Tom Miller of the Illinois EPA. The SCCHD conducted an inspection at this site on November 25, 2003. The Health Department contacted J&S Demolition about the waste. Apparently, J & S was aware that First Choice was hauling waste to the McKnight property.

On December 3, 2003, Ron Robeen and Alan Grimmet with the Illinois EPA's Bureau of Air conducted an inspection at this site. During this inspection, Mr. Grimmet took two samples for asbestos. One sample was taken of white pipe chase waste and the other was of mastic adhering to floor pieces. The samples were sent to Philips Service Corporation in Columbia, Illinois on December 3, 2003. On December 5, 2003, the Agency received the results of the analysis (Attachment 2). The mastic tested negative for asbestos and the white pipe chase tested positive for asbestos, 12 percent chrysotile.

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On December 19, 2003, I received a call from Sean Boles of J&S. Mr. Boles was aware that material from Landsdowne was going to the McKnight Property. He stated that he received a letter from Mr. McKnight asking that the material be dumped on his property. Mr. Boles faxed me a copy of the letter (Attachment 3). The letter was addressed Sean Boles from Jim McKnight. The letter stated that the brick dumped on the McKnight property was going to be used as a driveway base. This letter was dated December 5, 2003. This date is after the waste had already been dumped on site.

I asked Mr. McKnight why the letter was dated after the waste had already been dumped on his property. He stated that Mike Bowman called him and asked him to write the letter to J&S. Mr. McKnight agreed that the letter was sent after the waste had been dumped on-site. He also agreed that the waste had to be sorted and cleaned prior to use as a road base.

Mr. Boles stated that the removal of the asbestos was under a different contract and not preformed by J&S. He stated that all known asbestos was removed from the building prior to demolition under the supervision of IE Consultants in St. Louis. He was not aware that the waste that went to the McKnight property was general C&D, not "clean fill". He stated that he was not on the job site.

Potentially responsible parties to this open dumping

Classic Manufacturing, Inc.
Jim McKnight
7401 Bunkum Road
East St. Louis, Illinois 62204
618/398-5966

First Choice Trucking
First Choice Construction, Inc.
Mike Bowman
1932 Townsley Lane
East St. Louis, Illinois 62204
618/398-2875

J & S Companies, Inc.
J & S Demolition Division
902 Cherokee Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

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East St. Louis Board of Education
School District 189
Nathaniel J Anderson, Superintendent
1005 State Street
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201
618/583-8200

International Engineering Consultants, Inc.
6420 South Sixth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62707
217/529-8027

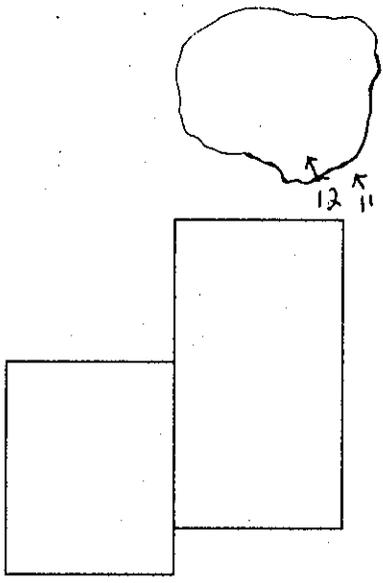
The following apparent violations were observed during this inspection:

9(a);
21(a);
21(d)(1)(2);
21(e);
21(p)(1);
21(p)(7) and
812.101(a).

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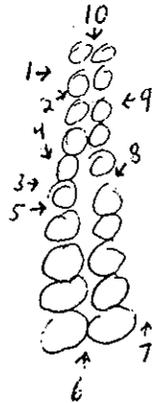
State of Illinois
Environmental Protection Agency
Facility Diagram

Date of Inspection: 12/30/2003 Inspector: Chris Cahnovsky
Site Code: 1630455275 County: St. Clair
Site Name: East St. Louis/McKnight Time: 9:50-10:20



7401 Bunkum Road
Classic MFG, Inc.

Sand Plant



Bunkum Road

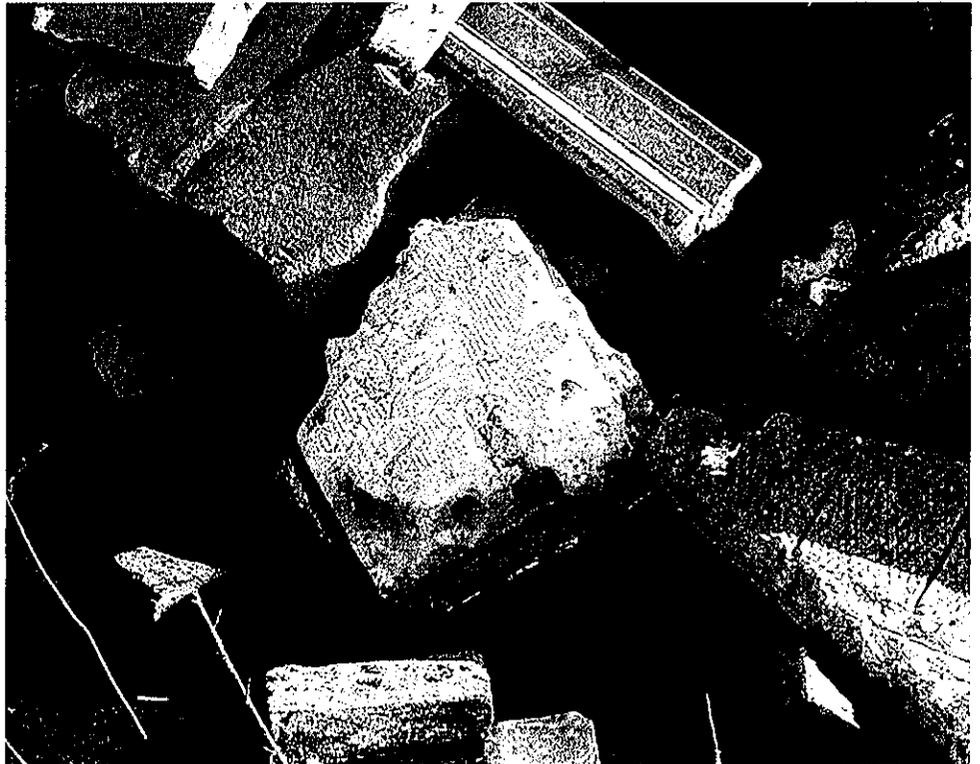
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