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February 8, 2007

Office of the Clerk Attn: Honorable Dorothy Gunn Illinois Pollution Control Board James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500 Chicago, IL 60601

Re: People v. D & L Disposal PCB 07-46

Dear Ms. Gunn,

Enclosed please find for filing the original and ten copies of the answer to the complaint in this cause, notice of filing, and proof of service. Please file the originals and return file-stamped copies to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

This filing is submitted on recycled paper. Thank you for your courtesy.

Yours very truly

Brian Konzen

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cc w/ copy of enclosure: Allen Steinkamp J. L. Homan, Esq.

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# BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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People of the State of Illinois	)	STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board
V.	) PCB 07-46	
D & L Disposal, LLC,	)	
Respondent	)	

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# **Notice of Filing**

Notice is hereby given to you that answer with affirmative defenses was filed by US Mail on behalf of Respondent in this cause on February 47, 2007

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D & L Disposal. LLC	)	

## **ANSWER**

Comes now, D & L Disposal, LLC, and responds to the Complaint as follows:

### COUNT 1

- 1. Admitted
- 2. Admitted
- 3. Admitted
- 4. Paragraph four is omitted in Respondent's copy of the filed complaint.
- 5. Respondent admits a D & L employee brought a small vial containing mercury to the Respondent's Office in Greenville, but otherwise admits to no knowledge as to the allegations of paragraph five, and therefor denies same.
- 6. Respondent admits it immediately self-reported the release, on or before 1:00 pm July 9, 2004. Respondent otherwise denies sufficient knowledge of the remaining allegations of paragraph six and therefore denies same.
  - 7. Admitted
  - 8. Admitted
  - 9. Admitted

10. Respondent admits waste containing mercury in excess of 0.2 mg/L is a characteristic hazardous waste per 35 Illinois Administrative Code 721.124(b), but denies the vial of mercury was waste, during at least some of the times relevant.

11. Denied

12. Admitted

13. Respondent denies 35 Illinois Administrative Code 722.111, and 35 Illinois Administrative Code 723.111(a), were applicable to transportation of the alleged vial at some or all of the times referenced in the complaint

14. Denied

15. Denied

16. Denied. Respondent is not and was not in the business or enterprise of conducting a hazardous waste transportation operation.

17. Denied

Therefore, Respondent prays the Illinois Pollution Control Board dismiss the complaint.

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COUNT 2

1. Admitted

- 2. Admitted
- 3. Admitted
- 4. Paragraph four is omitted in Respondent's copy of the filed complaint.
- 5. Respondent admits a D & L employee brought a small vial containing mercury to the Respondent's Office in Greenville, but otherwise admits to no knowledge as to the allegations of paragraph five, and therefor denies same.
- 6. Respondent admits it immediately self-reported the release, on or before 1:00 pm July 9, 2004. Respondent otherwise denies sufficient knowledge of the remaining allegations of paragraph six and therefore denies same.
  - 7. Admitted
  - 8. Admitted
  - 9. Admitted
- 10. Respondent admits waste containing mercury in excess of 0.2 mg/L is a characteristic hazardous waste per 35 Illinois Administrative Code 721.124(b), but denies the vial of mercury was waste, during at least some of the times relevant.
  - 11. Denied
  - 12. Admitted
  - 13. Admitted
  - 14. Denied. Respondent is not in the business of conducting hazardous waste storage.
  - 15. Denied.
  - 16. Denied.

Therefore, Respondent prays the Illinois Pollution Control Board dismiss the complaint.

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### COUNT 3

- I. Admitted
- 2. Admitted
- 3. Admitted
- 4. Paragraph four is omitted in Respondent's copy of the filed complaint.
- 5. Respondent admits a D & L employee brought a small vial containing mercury to the Respondent's Office in Greenville, but otherwise admits to no knowledge as to the allegations of paragraph five, and therefor denies same.
- 6. Respondent admits it immediately self-reported the release, on or before 1:00 pm July 9, 2004. Respondent otherwise denies sufficient knowledge of the remaining allegations of paragraph six and therefore denies same.
  - 7. Admitted
  - 8. Admitted
  - 9. Admitted
- 10. Respondent admits waste containing mercury in excess of 0.2 mg/L is a characteristic hazardous waste per 35 Illinois Administrative Code 721.124(b), but denies the vial of mercury was waste at least some of the times relevant.

- 11. Denied
- 12. Admitted
- 13. Admitted
- 14. Denied
- 15. Denied
- 16. Denied
- 17. Denied
- 18. Denied

Therefore, Respondent prays the Illinois Pollution Control Board dismiss the complaint.

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# AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO ALL COUNTS

1. Any mercury referenced in the complaint was disposed of by Environmental Restoration Company, LLC, which timely obtained a RCRA permit, in accordance with 415 ILCS 21(f)(1), said process beginning on or before 1:00 pm on July 9, 2004. Environmental Restoration LLC, further complied with the disposal requirements for mercury under 35 Illinois Administrative Code 728.134(a), beginning on or before 1:00 pm on July 9, 2004.

2. During at least some of the times alleged in the complaint, the vial referenced was not

"waste" or "hazardous waste".

3. Environmental Restoration LLC timely obtained the proper permits in order to lawfully

transport the material referenced in the complaint to an approved disposal location, per 415 ILCS

21(g)(1)and(2).

4. Environmental Restoration LLC timely obtained the proper permitting in order to store and

dispose of the material referenced in the complaint, at an approved disposal location, in accordance

with 35 Illinois Administrative Code 703.121(a)(1).

5. Environmental Restoration LLC made a hazardous waste determination, in compliance

with 35 Illinois Administrative Code 722.111, and timely obtained an identification number per 35

Illinois Administrative Code 723.111(a).

6. Environmental Restoration LLC timely obtained any RCRA permit required by 35 Illinois

Administrative Code 703.121 (a), for waste storage, if applicable.

7. At all times relevant, Respondent has not and did not accept any special hazardous wastes

for disposal, in the course of its operation and business.

8. The total materials allegedly spilled in the complaint, amounted to approximately three

ounces.

Therefore, Respondent prays the complaint be dismissed.

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