

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

August 9, 2007

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	AC 07-70
)	(IEPA No. 166-07-AC)
CURTIS and SHERRY PELLHUM,)	(Administrative Citation)
)	
Respondents.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.T. Girard):

On June 27, 2007, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against Curtis and Sherry Pellhum (respondents). See 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The administrative citation concerns a site commonly known as Bluff Springs Township/Pellhum, with Site Code No. 0178035005, and located at 110 Evergreen Drive, Bluff Springs Township, Cass County. For the reasons below, the Board finds that respondents violated the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2006)) and orders respondents to pay \$3000 in civil penalties.

Under the Act, an administrative citation is an expedited enforcement action brought before the Board seeking civil penalties that are fixed by statute. Administrative citations may be filed only by the Agency or, if the Agency has delegated the authority, by a unit of local government, and only for limited types of alleged violations at sanitary landfills or unpermitted open dumps. See 415 ILCS 5/3.305, 3.445, 21(o), (p), 31.1(c), 42(b)(4), (4-5) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.

In this case, the Agency alleges that respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (p)(3) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (p)(3) (2006)) by operating an open dump resulting in: (1) litter; and (2) open burning. The Agency asks the Board to impose a \$3000 civil penalty on respondents. As required, the Agency served the administrative citation on respondents within “60 days after the date of the observed violation.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2006); see also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(b).

To contest an administrative citation, a respondent must file a petition with the Board no later than 35 days after being served with the administrative citation. If a respondent fails to do so, the Board must find that the respondents committed the violation alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty. See 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due on July 31, 2007. Respondents failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (p)(7) (2006)).

The civil penalty for violating Section 21(p) is \$1500 for each violation. 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there are two violations, the total civil penalty is \$3000. Under Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, the Board attaches the administrative citation and makes it part of the order below.

This opinion constitutes the Board's finding of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

1. Respondents must pay a civil penalty of \$3000 no later than September 10, 2007, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order.
2. Respondents must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund.
3. Respondents must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

Fiscal Services
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2006)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2006)).
5. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violations continue.

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) (2006); *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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on August 9, 2007, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Therriault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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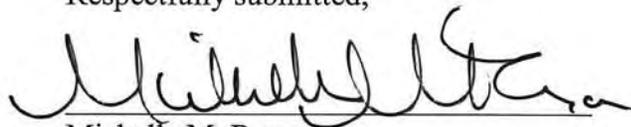
NOTICE OF FILING

To: Curtis and Sherry Pellhum
110 Evergreen Drive
Beardstown, Illinois 62618

Curtis Pellum
18 Hillcrest
Havana, Illinois 62644

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on this date I mailed for filing with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois the following instrument(s) entitled ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION, AFFIDAVIT, and OPEN DUMP INSPECTION CHECKLIST.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle M. Ryan
Special Assistant Attorney General

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
(217) 782-5544

Dated: June 21, 2007

VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Charlie King during the course of his May 18, 2007 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) (2004).

- (2) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in open burning, a violation of Section 21(p)(3) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(3) (2004).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2004), 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 Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). 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 July 31, 2007, 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 (2004), 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) (2004), 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.

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 (2004). 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.

Douglas P. Scott
Douglas P. Scott, Director *by wire*
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date: 6/21/07

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REMITTANCE FORM

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FACILITY: Bluff Springs Township/Pellhum SITE CODE NO.: 0178035005
 COUNTY: Cass CIVIL PENALTY: \$3,000.00
 DATE OF INSPECTION: May 18, 2007

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.