

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
December 6, 2007

COUNTY OF VERMILION, ILLINOIS,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	AC 08-7
)	(County File No. 07-02)
CONNIE YOUNT,)	(Administrative Citation)
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Respondent.)	

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

On October 19, 2007, the County of Vermilion (County) timely filed an administrative citation against Connie Yount (Yount). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2006). The administrative citation concerns Yount’s property located at 546 Highland Park Road, Danville, Vermilion County, which is designated with Site Code No. 1838045028. For the reasons below, the Board finds that Yount violated the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2006)) and orders Yount to pay \$3,000 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 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (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 County alleges that Yount violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (3) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (3) (2006)) by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter and open burning. The County asks the Board to impose a \$3,000 civil penalty on Yount. As required, the County served the administrative citation on Yount within “60 days after the date of the observed violation.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2006); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(c), 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 the respondent fails to do so, the Board must find that the respondent committed the violations alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty. *See* 415 ILCS 31.1(d)(1) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due on November 13, 2007. Yount failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that Yount violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (3) of the Act.

The civil penalty for violating any provision of subsection (p) of Section 21 is \$1,500 for each violation, except that the penalty amount is \$3,000 for each violation that is the person’s

second or subsequent adjudicated violation of that provision. *See* 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there are two violations of Section 21(p) and no allegation that these are second or subsequent adjudicated violations, the total civil penalty is \$3,000. 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 findings of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

1. The Board finds that Yount violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (3) of the Act.
2. Yount must pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 no later than January 7, 2008, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Yount must pay the civil penalty by certified check, made payable to the County of Vermilion, Illinois. The case number, case name, and Yount's social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check.
3. Respondent must send the certified check and remittance form to:

Vermilion County Health Department
200 S. College Street
Danville, Illinois 61832
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.

I, John Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on December 6, 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 flourish at the end.

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by sections 4(e) and 31.1 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/4(e), 5/31.1, and delegated to Vermilion County pursuant to section 4(r) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4(r).

FACTS

1. Respondent, Connie Yount, is, and was at all times relevant to this Administrative Citation, the owner of property located at 546 Highland Park Road, Danville, County of Vermilion, State of Illinois.
2. Said property was operated as an unlicensed open dump, and designated with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Site Code No. 1838045028.
3. On August 31, 2007, Douglas Toole of the Vermilion County Health Department inspected the above-described property. Douglas Toole's Affidavit and a copy of their inspection report are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

VIOLATIONS

On the basis of the direct observation of Douglas Toole, the County of Vermilion has determined that on August 31, 2007, Respondent was conducting an unlicensed open dump at the above-described address, which is required to have a permit pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/21(a) of the Act, in a manner which resulted in the following conditions:

- A. Open dumping resulting in litter was observed at the site, in violation of Section 21(p)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), which provides no person shall...cause or allow the open dumping of any waste in a manner which results in...litter; and

- B. Open dumping resulting in open burning was observed at the site, in violation of Section 21(p)(3) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(3), which provides no person shall...cause or allow the open dumping of any waste in a manner which results in...open burning.

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5), Respondent herein is subject to a civil penalty of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) for each of the above-mentioned violations. Additionally, should Respondent elect to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board under the review process described herein, and if there is a finding of the violation alleged herein after an adjudicatory hearing, Respondent shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Pollution Control Board, in addition to the Fifteen Hundred Dollar (\$1500.00) statutory penalty for each violation.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

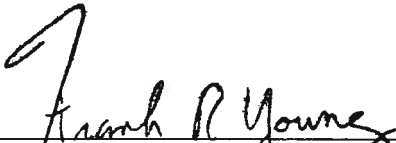
You have the right to contest this Administrative Citation under section 31.1(d) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d). If you elect to contest this Administrative Citation, you must file a Petition for Review with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, at the State of Illinois Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Such Petition for Review must be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation, or a default judgment will be issued by the Illinois Pollution Control Board. A copy of the Petition for Review should be filed with the Vermilion County State's Attorney's Office, 7 North Vermilion Street, Danville, Illinois 61832.

If you acknowledge the violation cited herein, the civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than November 5, 2007. If you do not petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of service hereof and have not paid the civil penalty by the due date stated above, or if you elect to contest this Administrative Citation, any judgment rendered shall specify the due date of the statutory civil penalty and any costs assessed against you.


When payment is made, your check should be made payable to the County of Vermilion, Illinois, and mailed to the Vermilion County Health Department, 200 South College Street, Danville, Illinois 61832, together with a completed copy of the Remittance Form attached hereto.

If any civil penalty, by reason of acknowledgment, default or finding after adjudicatory hearing, is not paid when due, the Vermilion County State's Attorney may initiate proceedings in the Circuit Court to collect said civil penalty. In addition to the previously assessed civil penalty and any hearing costs of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the State's Attorney's Office will seek to recover its costs of litigation.

Dated: 10/5/07



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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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REMITTANCE FORM

IN THE MATTER OF
CONNIE YOUNT,

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Respondent)

AC No. 08-7,
County File No. 07-02

Facility/Property: 546 Highland Park Road, Danville, Illinois,

County: Vermilion

Date of Inspection: August 31, 2007

Site Code No.: 1838045028

Civil Penalty: \$1500.00 for each violation = \$3000.00

Date Remitted: _____

SSN/FEIN No.: _____

Signature: _____

NOTE

Please enter the date of your remittance, your Social Security Number (SSN) if an individual, or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) if a business, and sign this Remittance Form. Your check should be made out to the County of Vermilion, Illinois. Be sure your check is enclosed with this Remittance Form and mail to: Vermilion County Health Department, 200 S. College Street, Danville, Illinois 61832.