

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
June 5, 2008

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	AC 08-24
)	(IEPA No. 27-08-AC)
GIRE PROPERTIES, INC. and GIRE)	(Administrative Citation)
CONSTRUCTION, INC.,)	
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Respondents.)	

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

On March 20, 2008, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against Gire Properties, Inc. (Gire Properties) and Gire Construction, Inc. (Gire Construction) (collectively respondents). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b), 108.202(c). The administrative citation concerns a facility located at the Northwest 1/4 Section of Section 11, Camargo Township, Villa Grove, Douglas County, designated with Site Code No. 0410355017, and commonly known to the Agency as “Villa Grove/Gire Construction, Inc.” For the reasons below, the Board finds that respondents violated the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2006)) and orders respondents to pay \$4,500 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), (p)(4), and (p)(7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(4), (p)(7) (2006)) by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, the deposition of waste in standing or flowing waters, and the deposition of general or clean construction or demolition debris. According to the administrative citation, Gire Properties is the current owner and Gire Construction is the current operator of the facility. The Agency asks the Board to impose a \$4,500 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 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 violation 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 April 22, 2008. Both respondents failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1), (p)(4), and (p)(7) 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 three violations of Section 21(p) and no allegations of any second or subsequent adjudicated violations, the total civil penalty is \$4,500. 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

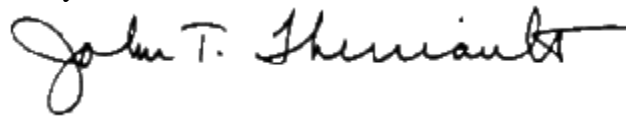
1. The Board finds respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1), (p)(4), and (p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(4), (p)(7) (2006)).
2. Respondents must pay a civil penalty of \$4,500 no later than July 7, 2008, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Respondents must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, designated to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and each respondent's respective federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Respondents must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
1021 North 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.

I, John Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on June 5, 2008, by a vote of 4-0.



John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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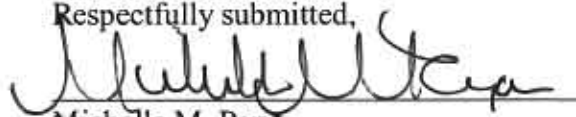
NOTICE OF FILING

To: Gire Properties, Inc.
 Edwin J. Gire, Jr., Registered Agent
 101 Sycamore Street
 Villa Grove, IL 61956

Gire Construction Inc.
 Edwin J. Gire, Jr., Registered Agent
 101 Sycamore Street
 Villa Grove, IL 61956

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
Assistant Counsel

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

Dated: March 18, 2008

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JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by Section 31.1 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2006).

FACTS

1. That Gire Properties Inc. is the present owner and Gire Construction, Inc. is the current operator ("Respondents") of a facility located in the Northwest ¼ Section of Section 11, Camargo Township, Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Villa Grove/Gire Construction, Inc.
2. That said facility is an open dump operating without an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit and is designated with Site Code No. 0410355017.
3. That Respondents have owned/operated said facility at all times pertinent hereto.
4. That on January 29, 2008, Michael Mullins of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Champaign Regional Office inspected the above-described facility. A copy of his

inspection report setting forth the results of said inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Michael Mullins during the course of his January 29, 2008 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) (2006).
- (2) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of waste in standing or flowing waters, a violation of Section 21(p)(4) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(4)(2006).
- (3) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris; or clean construction or demolition debris, a violation of Section 21(p)(7) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7) (2006).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2006), 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 Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00). If Respondents elect not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the statutory civil penalty

due and payable no later than April 15, 2008, 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 (2006), 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) (2006), 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, Respondents 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 (2006). 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, Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date. 3-18-08

Prepared by: Susan E. Konzelmann, Legal Assistant
Division of Legal Counsel
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REMITTANCE FORM

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FACILITY: Villa Grove/Gire Construction, Inc. SITE CODE NO.: 0410355017
COUNTY: Douglas CIVIL PENALTY: \$4,500.00
DATE OF INSPECTION: January 29, 2008

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.