ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD October 16, 2008

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
Complainant,)	
v.) PCB 07-25	d\
ISAACSON CONSTRUCTION, INC., an Illinois corporation,) (Enforcement - La))	ma)
Respondent.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by A.S. Moore):

On October 16, 2006, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed its original complaint against Isaacson Construction, Inc. (Isaacson Construction). See 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2006); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204. On July 19, 2007, the People filed a motion to file an eight-count amended complaint (Mot.). The motion states that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) notified the People that Agency inspection reports relied upon in drafting the original complaint included an error. Mot. at 1. Specifically, the People state that removal of drums from Isaacson Construction's site took place not on April 24-25, 2004 but instead on April 26-27, 2004. Mot. at 1 (citing attached affidavit of Agency investigator). In an order dated August 13, 2007, the hearing officer accepted the amended complaint.

The People alleged in the amended complaint that Isaacson Construction violated Sections 12(a), 12(d), 21(a), 21(e), 21(f)(1), and 21(f)(2) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/12(a), 12(d), 21(a), 21(e), 21(f)(1), 21(f)(2) (2006)) and Sections 703.121(a)(1), 725.111, 725.113(a)(1), 725.113(b), 725.116(a), 725.151, 725.152, 725.153, 725.173(a), and 725.175 of the Board's hazardous waste regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 703.121(a)(1), 725.111, 725.113(a)(1), 725.113(b), 725.116(a), 725.151, 725.152, 725.153, 725.173(a), 725.175). The People further alleged in the amended complaint that Isaacson Construction violated these provisions (1) by open dumping and disposing of waste at a facility that does not meet the requirements of the Act or Board regulations; (2) by disposing of hazardous waste without a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit and by conducting a hazardous waste disposal operation in violation of Board regulations; (3) by not having on-site analysis results for hazardous waste, by failing to develop and follow a written waste analysis plan, and by not keeping a written operating record; (4) by failing to administer hazardous waste training for facility personnel; (5) by failing to submit an annual hazardous waste report and by failing to have a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) facility identification number; (6) by failing to have a contingency plan; (7) by threatening, causing, or allowing water pollution; and (8) by creating a water pollution hazard. The amended complaint concerns Isaacson Construction's facility at 1300 Fort Jesse Road in Normal, McLean County.

On August 21, 2008, the People and Isaacson Construction filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2006)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2006)). See 35 III. Adm. Code 103.300(a). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in *The Normalite* on August 28, 2006. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. The Board grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. See 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2006); 35 III. Adm. Code 103.300(b).

Section 103.302 of the Board's procedural rules sets forth the required contents of stipulations and proposed settlements. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.302. These requirements include stipulating to facts on the nature, extent, and causes of the alleged violations and the nature of Isaacson Construction's operations. Section 103.302 also requires that the parties stipulate to facts called for by Section 33(c) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2006)). The People and Isaacson Construction have satisfied Section 103.302. Isaacson Construction admits the alleged violations of Sections 21(a) and 21(e) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(a), 21(e) (2006)) as alleged in paragraphs 23 and 24 of count I of the amended complaint and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$100,000, with the first of five annual payments in the amount of \$20,000 due within 90 days from the date the Board accepts the stipulation and the next four payments due on the anniversary dates of the first payment. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposed settlement.

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

ORDER

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. Isaacson Construction must pay a civil penalty of \$100,000, with the first of five annual payments in the amount of \$20,000 due within 90 days from the date of this order accepting the parties' stipulation and the next four payments due on the anniversary dates of the first payment. Isaacson Construction must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and Isaacson Construction's federal tax identification number must be included on the face of the certified check or money order.
- 3. Isaacson Construction must send the certified check or money order by first class mail to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services Division 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 4. Isaacson Construction must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

Environmental Bureau Illinois Attorney General's Office 500 S. 2nd St. Springfield, Illinois 62706

- 5. 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)).
- 6. Isaacson Construction must cease and desist from the alleged violations.

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 T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on October 16, 2008, by a vote of 4-0.

John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk Illinois Pollution Control Board