

(c)(8) by failure to provide timely advance notification of renovation; failure to properly wet, collect, and deposit renovation; failure to properly wet, collect, and deposit “asbestos-containing material” (RACM); improper disposal of RACM; failure to pay asbestos fee; open burning of refuse; and, by threatening the emission of contaminants so as to tend to cause air pollution.

On February 11, 2009, the People and respondent Morfey filed a stipulation and proposal for 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)), which requires that the public have an opportunity to request a hearing whenever the State and a respondent propose settling an enforcement action without a public hearing. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposal for settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in the *Savanna-Times Journal* on February 19, 2009. 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 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b).

Section 103.302 of the Board’s procedural rules sets forth the required contents of stipulations and proposed settlements. *See* 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 respondent Morfey’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)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. Respondent Morfey admits to the alleged violations in this matter. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2006)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Respondent Morfey agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.00. The People and respondent Morfey have satisfied Section 103.302. 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 proposal for settlement.
2. Respondent Morfey must pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 no later than April 20, 2009, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Mick Morfey must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case name, case number, and respondent Morfey’s Social Security Number must appear on the face of the certified check or money order.

3. Respondent Morfey must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

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

Respondent Morfey must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

Stephen J. Sylvester
Environmental Bureau
Illinois Attorney General's Office
69 W. Washington St., Ste. 1800
Chicago, IL 60602

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. Respondent Morfey 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 Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on March 19, 2009, by a vote of 5-0.



John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board