BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Complainant,

vs.

WASTE HAULING LANDFILL, INC., et al.,

Respondents.

PCB No. 10-9 (Cost Recovery)

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COMPLAINANT'S RESPONSE TO MOTION BY CATERPILLAR, INC., FOR LEAVE TO REPLY

The Complainant, People of the State of Illinois, by Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, submits this response to the motion of Caterpillar, Inc., for leave to reply to the Complainant's Response to Motion to Dismiss Complaint. As established below, that motion should be denied since the reply constitutes a thinly veiled attempt to rewrite the original motion to dismiss.

A. Section 58.9(a)(1) of the Act does not bar this action.

1. After having the legs cut out from its assertion that Section 58.9(a)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/58.9(a)(1), requires dismissal of the Complaint by the Board's ruling in *Cole Taylor Bank v. Rowe Industries, et al.*, PCB 01-173 slip op. at 4 (June 2, 2002). 2002 WL 1298771, Caterpillar's latest pleading seeks to recast its motion to dismiss as merely a challenge to the sufficiency of the pleading in the complaint and ignores the plain language of 35 III.Adm.Code 741.205 that the complaint need not allege a requirement "a specific alleged percentage of liability" to state a claim.

2. The specific percentage of liability determination follows a determination of liability. The Complaint sufficiently pleads the "ultimate facts" necessary to show liability:are

- 1) Caterpillar is within a class of persons potentially liable;
- 2) There has been a release or releases of hazardous substances or threatened release of hazardous substances;
- 3) Illinois EPA has incurred costs in response thereto; and
- 4) Caterpillar did not perform the work requested by the 4(q) notice issued by Illinois EPA.

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Thus, the complaint is sufficient to seek recovery of response costs.

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B. The Complaint properly pled a claim for treble damages.

As the Fourth District Appellate Court held in *Quincy v. Carlson*, 163 Ill.App.3d 1049, 1053, treble damages may be avoided if the "responsible party can establish that he acted with 'sufficient cause'" when it refused to perform work requested by a 4(q) notice.

2. Thus, the reasons why a responsible party chose not to perform the work requested by the 4(q) notice must be pled as an affirmative defense and not as an element of the Complaint.

<u>C.</u> <u>Provisions of the Act and Regulations applicable to "violations" do not apply to cost</u> recovery proceedings.

1. Caterpillar's latest pleading goes to great length in reciting the content of captions but ignores the substance of the Complaint and the law. The General Assembly and the Pollution Control Board have recognized that cost recovery actions are markedly different from proceedings to address violations of the Act and regulations. Section 22.2(I) provides that the "costs and damages provided for in this Section may be imposed by the Board in an action brought before the Board in accordance with Title VIII of this Act, except that Section 33(c) of this Act shall not apply."

2. Title VIII includes Section 31.1 of the Act provides for administrative citations. Based upon the plain language of that provision, it does not apply to recovery of costs and damages under Section 22.2. Similarly, Section 33(c) requires "consideration of all the facts and circumstances bearing upon the reasonableness of the emissions, discharges, or deposits involved * * *." Since "emissions and discharges" are each activities included within the definition of "release" that provision could have been construed to apply to recovery of costs and damages under Section 22.2 but was specifically excluded from applying by the General Assembly.

3. Section 31 specifically limits its applicability to "alleged violations." Expanding its coverage to matters not dependent upon a finding of violation contravenes the plain language of that statute.

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D. <u>Conclusion</u>

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that the motion of the Respondent, Caterpillar, Inc., for leave to

file a response and its additional arguments challenging the complaint be denied.

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