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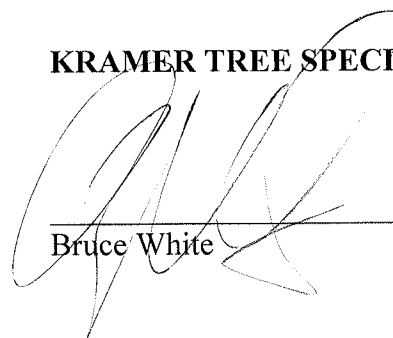
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Petitioner,	)	
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vs.	)	AS 2014-002
	)	(Petition for Adjusted Standard)
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PROTECTION AGENCY,	)	
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Respondent.	)	

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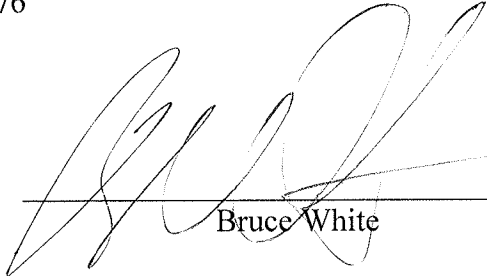
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**Notice of Petition by Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. for an Adjusted Standard before the Illinois Pollution Control Board**

Petitioner: Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc.  
300 Charles Court  
West Chicago, IL 60185



**Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc.**  
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On February 26, 2014, Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. ("Kramer") filed a petition for an adjusted standard with the Illinois Pollution Control Board (the "IPCB"). The IPCB docket number assigned to Kramer's petition is AS 2014-002.

**Regulatory Standards from which an Adjusted Standard is Sought**

Kramer seeks an adjusted standard from certain of the requirements of 35 Illinois Administrative Code Sections 830.202(d), (e)(3), (f), (g), (l)(1), 830.205(a)(1) (A), 830.206(f), (j), (k), (l) and (n), 830.503, 830.504 and 830.507. As a general matter, 35 Illinois Administrative Code Part 830 sets forth composting regulations that are designed to promote the creation of compost from landscape wastes in an environmentally protective manner. The regulations set forth in Illinois Administrative Code 830 require the environmentally responsible composting of grass, shrubbery, cuttings, leaves, tree limbs and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. However, Kramer's operations, as described below, use such materials for a productive purpose - to create mulch for residential and commercial use - and the regulations in Illinois Administrative Code 830 simply do not account for productive and environmentally responsible operations like Kramer's.

**Proposed Adjusted Standards**

Kramer's proposed adjusted standards recognize that Illinois Administrative Code 830 was not drafted to cover operations like Kramer's; however, the proposed adjusted standards will maintain the environmentally protective features of those regulations. Kramer's proposed adjusted standards will require it to manage all leaves in such a way as to minimize decomposition and to capture or prevent any deleterious air or water emissions. Specifically, Kramer's facility is designed to collect all water runoff from stored leaves and will employ a fine spray over the production area to minimize the potential for any dust emissions. In short, Kramer's proposed adjusted standards will preserve the environmentally protective aspects of Illinois Administrative Code Part 830, while accommodating Kramer's operations.

**Description of Kramer's Activity that is the Subject of the Adjusted Standard Proceeding**

Kramer owns and operates a ten acre tree care facility. As part of that operation, Kramer produces and sells leaf mulch, which is a blend of leaves and sized woody material. Kramer's leaf mulch production process takes place on an annual cycle. Each autumn, Kramer collects leaves from several local municipalities. The collected leaves are then stacked on a concrete pad and any water contained within the leaves is drained off and collected. As customer mulch orders are received, stacked leaves are processed through grinding, and for certain products, then mixed with other wood waste prior to sale. During this process, the leaves are managed to minimize decomposition in order to preserve the leaves for use in mulch, and preventative measures are taken to ensure that no dust or particulate matter is emitted from the stacks of leaves.

**Opportunity to Request a Public Hearing**

Any person may cause a public hearing to be held in the above-described adjusted standard proceeding by filing a hearing request with the Illinois Pollution Control Board within 21 days after the date of the publication of this notice. The hearing request should clearly indicate the docket number for the adjusted standard proceeding, as found in this notice, and must be mailed to the Clerk of the Board, Illinois Pollution Control Board, 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601.